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ILLINOIS
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

PROCEEDINGS OF MEN'S DIVISION.

1.—Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends met in its annual session at Clear Creek, Putnam County, Illinois, on the 13th day of the Ninth month, 1887.

2.—The representatives on being called were all present except one and a satisfactory reason for his absence was produced.

FROM BLUE RIVER QUARTER: Jas. S. Brooks, Abram H. Brown, Edward Coale, Samuel Coale, Joshua L. Mills and Elwood Trueblood.

FROM PRAIRIE GROVE QUARTER: Elijah Hogue, Thos. D. Tomlinson, Thos. E. Hogue, Edward P. Whitacre and Elwood Cooper.

3.—A minute was read for a ministering Friend from an-

other Yearly Meeting and the clerk is directed to prepare a minute acknowledging his presence at the usual time.

4.—A Friend introduced a proposition to consider the probable advantages to be derived from our meeting as one body instead of in separate sessions of men and women Friends. The clerk informed the meeting that the same idea was suggested in the report of Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting. Upon consideration the following committee is appointed to act in conjunction with women Friends should they appoint, to take the subject under consideration and report at our next session: Chas. A. Lukens, Wm. M. Price, Elwood Trueblood, Joshua L. Mills, Elwood Cooper, Amos B. Wilson and Abel Mills.

5.—The committee to assist the clerk in revising the minutes of last year and have 1,500 copies printed and distributed report their duty performed.

6.—To assist the clerk in revising the minutes of this meeting and have 1,500 copies printed and distributed we appoint Chas. A. Lukens, Griffith E. Coale and Lewis Coale, who are authorized to draw on the treasurer for the necessary funds and report next year.

7.—The recorder reports that the duties assigned him have been attended to. To present the name of a suitable Friend to serve this meeting as recorder we appoint Henry Atherton, Perry Mills, Chas. A. Lukens, who are directed to report to a future session.

8.—The committees on co-operative work, temperance interest, Indian affairs, prison work, isolated Friends and literature, First-Day school interests and the committee on peace as opposed to military training, are directed to report Fourth and Fifth-Days in joint session.

9.—The representatives are directed to confer together and report to-morrow morning the names of suitable persons to serve as clerk and assistant; also a second assistant clerk for the ensuing year.

10.—The meeting then adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND-DAY AFTERNOON.

11.—The 12th of Ninth month at the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

12.—The committee appointed to consider the subject of holding our meetings hereafter in joint session made the following report, (see p. 14), which was united with.

13.—To settle with the treasurer, ascertain the amount of funds necessary to be raised; also present to the meeting the name of a suitable person to serve as treasurer the ensuing year we appoint Stephen Williams, Edward Whitacre, Jas. S. Brooks, Harley Cooper and John H. Mills, who are to report to a future session.

14.—To gather the exercises of the meeting and report to a future session we appoint Elwood Trueblood, John B. Newburn, Henry K. Smith, Elwood P. Cooper and Thomas E. Hogue.

15.—The clerk in behalf of the correspondents reports that the epistles were all copied and forwarded to the meetings to which they were addressed.

16.—Morris A. Wilson and John H. Mills are continued correspondents; they are directed to report next year.

17.—To prepare replies to the epistles received from other Yearly Meetings we appoint Johnathan W. Plummer, Abram H. Brown, Griffith E. Coale, Abel Mills, Sidney Averill, John H. Mills and David Wilson, who are to report to a future session.

18.—Epistles were received from all of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond; during the reading of each a deep solemnity covered the meeting and many friends responded feelingly to the truths contained therein.

19. Then adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning in joint session.

ILLINOIS
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

PROCEEDINGS OF WOMEN'S DIVISION.

1.—Illinois Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Clear Creek, Putnam County, Illinois, by adjournment from the 12th of the Ninth month to the 15th of the same inclusive, 1887.

2.—The assistant clerk being absent Eliza Whitacre was appointed for the session.

3.—Reports from our two Quarterly Meetings show that Eliza Whitacre, Ann Welch and Sallie E. Cooper from Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting, Elizabeth H. Coale, Susie Brown, Lydia A. Wilson, Anna Reynolds, Mary G. Smith and Martha M. Wilson from Blue River were appointed representatives to this meeting, who on being called, responded to their names.

4.—Amanda Mills and Lydia E. Wilson are appointed to

take charge of the minutes from the clerk's table and prepare them for publication.

5.—Joel Birdsall, a minister from Camden Monthly Meeting, Indiana, produced a minute of unity from his Monthly Meeting, signed by the clerks of the same, and endorsed by Whitewater Quarterly Meeting held at Fall Creek, Indiana, setting him at liberty to attend our Yearly Meeting.

6.—Epistles from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except Genesee, were read in this session, much to our edification and encouragement and we hope the counsel therein contained may take deep root in our hearts and bear good fruit. To prepare replies to these as way may open, and to gather the exercises of the meeting, we appoint Mary C. White, Mary E. Coale, Lydia K. Penrose, Susie Brown, Celestia John, Sarah Ann Coale, Anna Reynolds, Ann Welch and Elmina Averill who are to report to a future session.

7.—A proposition coming before us from men Friends to consider the propriety of holding in the future all sessions of Illinois Yearly Meeting jointly, much feeling was expressed both for and against the proposed move, which resulted in the appointment of the following committee, to consider the matter in conjunction with men Friends and report to our next session: Lydia A. Wilson, Hannah S. Mills, Mary C. White, Sarah Ann Coale, Rebecca Mills, Eva Mills, Mary G. Smith, Elizabeth H. Coale, Lydia Mills, Margaret Given, Lydia K. Penrose, Ann Welch, Sallie E. Cooper, Eliza Whitacre and Lydia E. Wilson.

8.—The representatives are directed to confer together and report to the meeting to-morrow morning the names of Friends to serve this meeting as clerk and assistant the present year.

9.—Then adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND-DAY AFTERNOON.

10.—Near the time adjourned to Friends again assembled.

11.—The committee appointed this morning in conjunction with a similar one of men Friends, to consider the subject of holding our meetings in joint session in the future, made a satisfactory report. (For report see p. 16).

12.—The assistant clerk is present this afternoon, having been detained at home this morning on account of sickness in her family.

13.—Amanda Mills, one of our recorders, reports the work of last year accomplished and she is continued in that service another year.

14.—Huldah R. Smith, our former treasurer, submitted her report to this meeting, and Margaret M. Merritt and Martha M. Wilson are appointed to settle her account with Elizabeth Mills (with whom Huldah deposited the money in her possession) and suggest a suitable person to serve the ensuing year.

15.—Lydia A. Wilson informs the duties entrusted to her and Ann E. Harrison were performed.

16.—Martha M. Wilson on behalf of the transcribing committee reports their duties performed; also that the epistles to the other Yearly Meetings were duly forwarded; but on reading the epistle from Baltimore we find they did not receive ours.

17.—Information is received that lamps were purchased as directed last year and the bill, \$3.50, being presented, the treasurer is directed to pay that sum to the purchaser.

18.—The meeting directs that Martha M. Wilson procure a shade for the stand-lamp and the treasurer be called on for money necessary for the purchase.

19.—The epistle from Genesee Yearly Meeting was read this afternoon and like the others was full of good and cheering sentiments. The position taken by that Yearly Meeting in regard to the temperance movement called forth expressions of approbation accompanied by desires that our own meeting might do likewise.

20.—With a feeling almost of sadness, that this is the last session that we shall hold separate from our brothers, yet hoping good may result from the proposed change, we now adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock in joint session.

PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT SESSION.

THIRD-DAY MORNING.

1.—The 13th of ninth month at the time adjourned to, Friends assembled.

2.—Elijah Hogue, on behalf of the representatives reports that they are united in proposing the names of Oliver Wilson for Clerk, and Elizabeth H. Coale for assistant, with Amanda Mills to assist her, and Morris A. Wilson for second assistant, but on consideration, Elizabeth H. Coale and Oliver Wilson are appointed Clerks, and Morris A. Wilson and Amanda Mills to assist them.

3.—The Committee on Philanthropic Labor made a satisfactory report, presenting names from both quarterly meetings who are to constitute said committee the ensuing three years. They are directed to divide and simplify the work previously done by the several standing committees. They shall have power to make additions to their number, if they think best, and report such additions to the meeting.

They are directed to confer together, unite on a plan of work, and report to a future session of this body. They are also requested to report of their labor annually. (For report see p. 18).

4.—The meeting at this time entered upon the consideration of the state of Society as shown by the answers to the queries from our subordinate meetings. The following answers were adopted as representing our condition at the present time.

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

Answer to 1st.—Most Friends, when able to do so, are diligent in the attendance of meetings for worship on First-day. Those near the middle of the week much neglected by many Friends. Those for discipline are better represented. Good behavior is maintained. The hour for meeting not always promptly observed.

Ans. to 2nd.—Love and fellowship are maintained towards each other, but not perhaps, to that extent that becomes our Christian profession. Tale-bearing and detraction mostly discouraged, and when differences arise, endeavors are made to end them.

Ans. to 3rd.—Our members observe reasonable simplicity in apparel, and the same care is extended towards their children and those under their influence. They encourage plain and honest speech, and guard against corrupting conversation and pernicious and frivolous literature, by supplying that which is profitable. The reading of the Scripture is encouraged.

Ans. to 4th.—Nearly all our members are clear of the use of intoxicating drinks, and clear of handling, making and distilling liquors as a beverage, or of renting their property or selling their grain for such purposes. The temperance interest is general amongst us, and help is extended to the intemperate as way opens. The use of tobacco is discouraged, though Friends are not entirely clear of its use. More care is needed regarding the attendance of places of unprofitable diversion.

The deficiency in the foregoing answer was explained to the meeting to refer to but one or two individuals in each quarter.

5.—Then adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

THIRD-DAY AFTERNOON.

6.—The 13th of ninth month at the time adjourned to friends again assembled.

Ans. to 5th.—Assistance has been rendered so far as appears to be necessary, to those needing it, as ability is given.

Ans. to 6th.—We believe our testimony in favor of a free gospel ministry maintained, and against oaths, military service, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries.

Ans. to 7th.—Friends are mostly careful to live within the limits of their income, and to avoid involving themselves and endeavor to be just in their dealings and punctual in complying with their engagements.

Ans. to 8th.—When any of our members have violated any of our vital testimonies, care has been extended to them, but a greater diligence, if properly used, is needed.

Ans. to 9th.—Our members endeavor to give their children and those under their care an education under surroundings that will aid their growth in the principles of pure morality, but are not always situated so as to do so; when opportunity offers, preference is given to teachers in membership with us.

Ans. to 10th.—The queries have been read and answered as directed.

Ans. to 11th.—A preparative Meeting for Ministers and Elders has been established at Genoa, Nance County, Nebraska, to meet at 10 o'clock on the First-day in the 2nd, 5th, 8th, and 11th Months, and one indulged meeting at Seneca, Illinois, discontinued.

7.—Blue River statistical reports not being present and Prairie Grove not being in detail, the clerks are directed to request the clerks of those meetings to forward them in proper shape for publication, to the Publishing Committee.

8.—The following names from Blue River and Prairie Grove were forwarded as the Quarterly Meetings appointment as members of the Representative Committee, who, with those appointed from the general Meeting, will constitute that body for the ensuing three years.

Representative Committee from Blue River: James S. Brooks, Abram H. Brown, Harley Cooper, Cornelia S. Bedell, Alice Coale and Rebecca J. Kennedy.

From Prairie Grove: Levi K. Pilkington, Nathan Edsall, Edgar Russell, Sarah P. Wilson, Sallie Canby and Josephine T. Hollingsworth.

Abram H. Brown, John H. Mills, Henry Atherton, Margaret Merritt, Mary E. Coale, Rebecca Mills, Charles Lukens, Eliza Whitacre, Edward Whitacre, James S. Brooks and Elwood P. Cooper are appointed to bring names to this meeting on Fourth-day afternoon to constitute the Representative Committee.

9.—The Treasurer of Blue River quarterly meeting reports that he has paid their quota of Yearly Meeting funds to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer.

The authorized Representative of Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting reports he has also paid to the Treasurer their quota.

10.—The subject contained in Prairie Grove reports in regard to holding all business sessions of the Yearly Meeting in joint session, having been previously acted upon, does not require action at this time.

11. The committees appointed to settle with their respective Treasurers, made the following report which is satisfactory, and Amos B. Wilson is accordingly appointed for the ensuing year. The Clerks are directed to inform the quarterly meetings of their respective quotas, and ask them to forward the same to our Treasurer. (For report see p. 17-18).

12.—A proposition to appropriate the sum \$100 for the use of Genoa monthly meeting for building a meeting house, having been laid before us, was united with, and the Treasurer directed to pay the above named sum, to the Treasurer of that meeting.

13.—The Librarian made the following satisfactory report, and he is continued. The Clerk is directed to issue an order on the Treasurer for the sum of \$1.36 due him. (For report see p. 18.)

14.—After a free expression of opinion, it was decided to adopt the plan of preserving the printed minutes for record, instead of recording as heretofore, and when a suitable number has been printed, that the Librarian have them bound in one volume, and deposited with the Librarian and Clerks of the Yearly Meeting for safe keeping.

15.—A member of the Revising and Publishing Committee asks that additions be made to that Committee which was united with, and Mary G. Smith and Mary C. White are appointed.

16.—Then adjourned to 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON.

17.—The 14th of Ninth-month, at the time adjourned to Friends assembled.

18.—The minutes of the Representative Committee were read and acted upon, so far as concerns this body, and the following papers recommended by it were read, and directed to be printed with the minutes of the Yearly Meeting: "Duty of Worship," (see page 19) "Confirmation of Birth-right Membership," (see p. 19) and memorials concerning Mary Chase, George Elliott, and Sarah M. Wright, all of Wapsinoc Monthly Meeting, and Thomas Morris, of Blue River Monthly Meeting. (See memorials from p. 20 to 25).

19.—The Visiting Committee appointed last year made a satisfactory report, and the committee is continued, with the addition to their number of Mary G. Smith, J. W. Plummer, Charles A. Lukens, Lydia A. Wilson, Stephen Williams, Elijah Hogue, Elwood P. Cooper, Isaiah Lightner, Thomas D. Tomlinson, Joshua L. Mills and Ellwood Trueblood, who are encouraged to faithful labor in this important work. (See p. 25.)

20.—The Committee on Prison Work and Criminal Reform made the following report, which was satisfactory, and the com-

mittee is released, its duties being merged into those of the Committee on Philanthropic Labor, of this year's appointment. (For report see p. 27).

21.—The Committee on Temperance Interests made a satisfactory report and the committee released, as its duties are to be taken up by the Committee on Philanthropic Labor. (See p. 28).

22.—The Nominating Committee to propose a Representative Committee made a satisfactory report, and the names they presented in addition to those offered by the quarterly meeting are to constitute that body for the next three years. They are directed to meet to-morrow morning and organize. (See p. 30).

23.—Then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FIFTH-DAY MORNING.

24.—The 15th of Ninth-month, at the time adjourned to Friends assembled.

25.—The Committee to present a memorial to the last Legislature made a satisfactory report. (See p. 31)

26.—The Committee in the interest of isolated Friends and Literature made the following satisfactory report, and they are continued, to report next year. (For report see p. 31).

27.—The Committee on Indian Affairs made the following interesting report which is satisfactory, and the Committee released under provision of minute No. 22. (See p. 31).

28.—The Committee on Philanthropic Labor reported the following as the result of their labor during the week, and its recommendations are adopted. (See p. 35).

29.—Upon reconsideration of minute No. 30 in regard to Yearly meeting funds, the meeting is united in increasing the amount from \$250.00 to \$450.00.

30.—The Committee on F. D. S. interests recommends the printing of the F. D. S. minutes with the Yearly Meeting minutes. The report is accepted and the Committee continued with the addition of Mary E. Trueblood, Abram H. Brown, Oliver Perry Mills, and Mary Nichols, and they are encouraged to increased diligence in the work.

31.—The Committee to present the name of a person for Recorder, propose Morris A. Wilson, with whom the meeting unites and he is accordingly appointed.

32.—A paper from the F. D. S. Association asking this meeting to assume the financial responsibilities of the Association was read and approved, and the Executive Committee of that body is authorized to draw on the Yearly Meeting Treasurer for its quota of General Conference funds. (See p. 36).

33.—Then adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON.

34.—At the time adjourned to, Friends assembled.

35.—The Committee on Peace, as opposed to military training, made the following satisfactory report, and the committee is released, its duties having been taken up by the Committee on Philanthropic Work. (See p. 36).

36.—The Dining Hall Committee made a report, the recommendations of which were adopted and the following named Friends are appointed to have charge of the subject the following year: Oliver Perry Mills, Amos B. Wilson, Mary W. Smith, Mary V. Griffith and Elijah Hogue, who are to report next year. (See p. 37).

37.—A concern for the spreading of our principles among honest inquirers, by the issuing of articles pertaining thereto, being laid before us, (see p. 37) was united with, and the Friends feeling this concern, set at liberty to accomplish the same, and present them next year through the usual channel, to this body.

38.—The Clerks inform this meeting they have attended to all the business entrusted to their care the past year.

39.—Joel Birdsall, a minister from Camden Monthly Meeting, Indiana, is in attendance with us with a minute of unity from his meeting held the 20th of 8th-month, 1887, endorsed by Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, held at Fall Creek, Ind., the 3rd of 9th-month, 1887, and signed by the respective clerks of those meetings. His company and services have been very acceptable, and we trust, edifying. We have also had the company and services of others who are here without minutes, and who have been cordially welcomed.

40.—Epistles to our corresponding Yearly Meetings, also a minute containing the exercises of this meeting were read, (for exercises see p. 38) considered, and after a few alterations, accepted, and the epistles directed to be placed in the hands of the Revising Committee, and after the proper superscription by the clerks, given to our correspondent to be forwarded to the respective meetings for which they are intended.

41.—After having considered all the subjects coming before us in that spirit of love, harmony and condescension becoming a true disciple of Christ, and after enjoying a short devotional season to our spiritual refreshment, we conclude our first work as a united body.

ELIZABETH H. COALE, } *Clerks.*
OLIVER WILSON.

REPORTS.

REPORT ON JOINT SESSION.

DEAR FRIENDS: The Committee appointed this morning to take under consideration the propriety of transacting all the business coming before the Yearly Meeting in joint sessions of Men and Women Friends have to report that while there was not entire unity in making the change, the major portion of your Committee were united in favor thereof, the others acquiescing, recommending the change to take place to-morrow morning.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

CHAS. A. LUKENS, *Clerk.*

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

9th-mo., 16, 1886.	Balance.....	\$425 87
9th-mo., 11, 1887.	Prairie Grove's quota.....	112 50
9th-mo., 11, 1887.	Blue River.....	137 50
12th-mo., 3, 1886.	Paid to Publishing Committee	\$172 72
9th-mo., 17, 1886.	Paid to Library Committee.	2 71
8th-mo., 25, 1887.	Paid to Temperance Committee	18 27

We, the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, find his accounts correct and the balance on hand \$482 17, and

are united in recommending Amos B. Wilson for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

We also recommend that \$250 00 be raised for the ensuing year.

S. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Your committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, find the sum of \$11.05 on hand, and are united in proposing the name of Amos B. Wilson for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the committee appointed by Women's Division, by

MARGARET M. MERRITT,
MARTHA M. WILSON.

REPORT ON PHILANTHROPIC LABOR.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Philanthropic Labor report the following names: (See names in back of book.)

On behalf of the Committee.

ELIJAH HOGUE, *Chairman.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends now Sitting:

DEAR FRIENDS:—The following is the report of Librarian:

Our Penal Machinery and its Victims.....	1 Copy.
George Fox's Works.....	8 Volumes.
Clarkson's Portraiture of Quakerism.....	3 "
Gough's History of Quakerism.....	4 "
Clarkson's Review.....	1 "
Disciplines on hand.....	71 Copies.

Several copies of the following leaflets on hand:

Doctrinal:—

Man as a Three-fold Being.

Divine Worship.

The Bible.

Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Gospel Ministry.

To Our Young Men.
 The Divine Power as Manifest in Man.
 Address to Absent Members.

Amount due Librarian at last report:

For Postage	\$2.71
Paid out since last report.....	3.61
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Total paid out.....	\$6.32
Received per order.....	\$2.71
Cash received for nine Disciplines.....	2.25
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Total received.....	\$4.96
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Due Librarian to date.....	\$1.36

ABEL MILLS, *Librarian.*

CLEAR CREEK, Ill., 9th-Month, 12th, 1887.

THE DUTY OF WORSHIP.

Not as belonging to a sect is any human being called but as a child separate and alone. We each are led by the inspeaking voice of our Redeemer to accept Him as our Guide and obey him as our Lord and Master. We in Him are His living temples. Where we are enjoined to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth hence the duty wherever we are of open family worship as a testimony for and witness to the Truth. Our isolated Friends are entreated to consider the claims of this duty under the promise that where two or three are met and gathered in His Name He will be in the midst. It has been verified in the experience of all who have thus waited upon Him and a pure desire is felt that all lone Friends may openly and at stated periods offer to the Lord at least the Silent tribute of praise for His mercy and love which endureth forever.

CONFIRMATION OF BIRTHRIGHT MEMBERS.

*To Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends to be Held at Clear Creek,
 Ninth-Month, 12th Day 1887:—*

Under a concern to supply a want in our discipline in re-

gard to the voluntary acceptance of membership, the following is proposed for adoption by those meetings who feel a necessity for such action.

While earnestly desiring that all the rights and privileges now held in this society by birthright members should be carefully preserved and guarded, we believe it is just to them and for the good of Society, to give such members as may desire it, an opportunity to more closely unite themselves with us by publicly accepting the duties and privileges of such membership.

Whenever it may seem right to do so, let the Monthly Meeting appoint a special committee whose duty it shall be to visit and confer with such members, and if any are found who desire to confirm their membership, the Monthly Meeting should designate a suitable time when a Meeting for such purpose shall be held.

Written reports of the occasion should be made to the first ensuing Monthly Meeting, giving the names of those thus accepting membership, which report should be recorded as part of the records of the Meeting.

Read and approved by the Representative Committee of Illinois Yearly Meeting.

LYDIA E. WILSON, *Clerk.*

MEMORIAL OF MARY CHASE.

Mary Scoby was born in Albany, New York, the Fifth-Month, 3d day, 1799.

In 1822 she was united in marriage to Nehemiah Chase, and in 1833 removed to Ohio. In 1847 she, with her husband and eight children came to Iowa, settling near West Liberty, in Muscatine County.

At the age of 18, she became, by request, a member of the Society of Friends and remained a member of that body until her death. After their removal to Iowa they had no Meeting for several years, until the establishment of the Monthly Meeting at Prairie Grove, a distance of forty miles. She was very active in setting up the Meeting known as Wapsienonoc Monthly Meeting of Friends, and was appointed an Elder at that time, a position which she held until her health failed.

She was always at her place in Meeting, ready to share its duties and responsibilities.

Her life was a singularly active one. Besides rearing her own family, she was ever ready to assist in the sick room—giv-

ing her services as physician and nurse to those of her friends and neighbors who required them.

She was devoted to the cause of truth, and died in the full assurance of receiving the Heavenly welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The last weeks of her life were marked by a gradual failing of physical powers rather than by disease and pain. She often expressed herself as ready to go, "Waiting only for the Master's Call." During this time she would frequently repeat these words from the 23d Psalm: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil."

For a week or ten days before the close, her mind seemed to be wandering. She passed away the Eighth-Month, 17th day, 1885, aged 86 years, three months and 14 days.

Her remains were carried to the Friends' Cemetery, where, after a long and busy life, her worn-out body rests in the yard formerly containing the Meeting-House whither she was wont to repair twice each week for worship.

But those who know and loved her best will believe that her active spirit has entered into that higher life that knows no sorrow nor dying.

Signed on behalf of Wapsienonoc Monthly Meeting.

JOSIE J. WELCH, *Clerk.*

Read and approved and signed on behalf of Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Highland, the Ninth-Month, 8th day, 1887.

ELIJAH HOGUE, *Clerk for the Day.*

A MEMORIAL OF THOMAS MORRIS.

GIVEN FORTH BY BLUE RIVER MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, HELD AT HIGHLANDS CREEK, THIRD-MONTH, 7TH, 1887.

To commemorate the lives of the just and the upright is a tribute due to their memory, and also a duty we owe to the living. Impelled by these obligations, we are led to leave on record a short account of our dear friend, Thomas Morris, who departed this life the 28th of Fifth-Month, 1885.

He was born in Pasquotanque County, North Carolina, the 7th of Ninth-Month, 1810, and was the oldest son of Jehosaphat and Sarah Morris, who were worthy members of the Society of Friends.

At the early age of three years he was deprived by death of the tender care and counsel of his mother. When about five years old he removed with his parents (his father having married again), to what was then Indiana Territory, and settled in Washington County, in the verge of what was afterwards Blue River Monthly Meeting, and of this Meeting through its varied changes he continued a lifelong member. This country was then, with few exceptions, an unbroken forest. To clear this away, and prepare the ground for tillage, required the united labor of all, both old and young. Thus he was early inured to all the privations and hardships of pioneer life, and grew up into a healthful, vigorous manhood, ready and willing to take his part in every useful toil and art, and although deprived of many of the comforts and luxuries of life, and the opportunities of education, yet in this rugged training was laid the foundation for that self reliance and practical knowledge of the affairs of life, for which the early pioneers were distinguished. And it was the means of preserving him in a great measure from many of the temptations which surround the young under more favored circumstances. In the year 1831 he was united in marriage to Guli Elma Trueblood, who with six children, still survives him. In the rearing of their family he was deeply concerned to inculcate in them, both by precept and example, habits of industry and economy, often expressing the conviction that many of the ills that afflict human society, are, in a great measure, due to a want of proper and useful employment.

Early in life he took a deep interest in the affairs of Society, and filled for a number of years the station of Overseer, and afterwards that of Elder, being ever zealous for the upholding of the testimonies of the Society, and if at times, in that zeal he went beyond the true standard, yet when he heard the voice from behind saying "This is the way, walk thou in it," he was like all impulsive generous natures, ready to lay self aside, and rally to the standard of truth. This love for the testimonies of the Society, did not wane with his "waning years," but as long as health permitted, he was diligent in the attendance of Meetings, and although a very busy man in the affairs of life, yet he did not suffer his worldly concerns to hinder him from performing this higher, this reasonable duty. And among the last exhortations to those around him, was: "Neglect not to assemble yourselves together for divine worship." In his domestic and social relations he was a devoted and loving husband, a kind father, an obliging neighbor, just in his dealings and punctual in complying with his engagements, and it was truly said of him that "his word was as good as his bond." In the settlement of his temporal affairs, he was guided by the same integrity of purpose that had marked his course through life.

Believing that worldly possessions were given for the comfort and happiness of those dependant on him, he arranged his business before his mind became clouded, in a manner that he believed would best conduce to that end.

He dearly loved the company and companionship of children, and in their presence seemed to renew his youthfulness. But in his last sickness he said that there was one thing in this connection that he had to regret, and that was the indulgence in too much light jesting before them.

He seemed to have a premonition that his end was near, and, although suffering at times with a chronic disease, yet his physician and friends did not think him dangerously ill; but he insisted that his earthly mission was ended and his life work done; that he had outlived all hatred and strife, and knew nothing but that love which endureth all things, and thinketh no evil. And through all his later suffering, which at times was intense, he wore this sweet badge of discipleship until the final close, which occurred 28th of Fifth-Month, 1885, in his 75th year.

Signed on behalf of Meeting by

MARTHA BAYNES, *Clerk.*

Read and approved in Blue River Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Highlands Creek, Washington County, Indiana, Fifth-Month, 28th, 1887.

GRIFFITH E. COALE, *Clerk.*

MEMORIAL OF WAPSIENONOC MONTHLY MEETING CONCERNING GEORGE ELLIOTT AND HIS SISTER, SARAH M. WRIGHT.

We believe it to be a duty incumbent on us to leave on record some account of the life and labors of our departed friends; believing as we do, that the Brother and Sister, who have passed to the higher life, trusted in the Father of us all, and lived according to their views of right.

They were both born in Frederick County, Maryland. Their parents were Eli and Margaret Elliott. George Elliott was born the Fourth-Month, 10th day, 1801; was married to Anna Russell in 1826, and removed with his family to Iowa in 1855. He was one among "the old settlers" now rapidly passing away; was well known as a man of unusual strength and vigor for one of his years; and though his decline was marked and certain during the last three months, his mind remained clear and bright, to within a few hours of the close, when he sank into unconsciousness. Surrounded by his children and grandchildren he enjoyed life and desired to get well, but ac-

cepted the inevitable without a murmur, and his tender consideration towards those about him and the unfailing patience with which he bore the slow and painful going out of life, were as consoling as beautiful.

He departed this life near West Liberty, Iowa, the Third-Month, 31st day, 1887, aged 86 years, lacking 10 days.

Sarah M. Wright was born the Sixth-Month, 19th day, 1803, and emigrated with her parents in 1830 to Knox County, Ohio; was married to John Wright on the 30th of the Fourth-Month, 1835, assuming the care of the four children of the former wife. Of her own children, but one attained maturity. She had been a resident of Iowa for nearly 45 years.

At the setting up of Wapsienonoc Monthly Meeting in the year 1864, among the appointments for Elders and Overseers, she was one of the first, and remained an Elder until her death.

She had been in failing health for the past three years. Her friends noticed that she was gradually growing weaker and frailer, and realized that the end was near. At times she suffered greatly from pain and nervousness, enduring as we have heard her say, "All the ills that flesh is heir to." She bore the infirmities of age as she did every other trouble of her life, with exemplary courage and rare patience. Never was invalid blessed with sunnier or more cheerful disposition, ever ready with smile or jest. She seemed possessed of a flow of spirits physical suffering was powerless to subdue. Of an unusually cultivated and vigorous mind, known and loved by all, her little home was a favorite resort for old and young; one always felt the better and happier for having been with her. In a letter to a Friend, she once said, "Never had a childless old mother so many loving children.

She was the only surviving sister of George Elliott, and on 7th day afternoon sat by her window and watched the passing funeral train of her brother with marked composure. She retired at her usual hour and rested quietly until about 3 a. m., when her faithful friend and attendant was aroused by her labored breathing. She hastily summoned physician and friends but the end was at hand, and a few minutes later she ceased to breathe. Silently and apparently without a pang, her spirit had left the frail body while she slept. The peaceful, painless end seemed the last blessing possible to her fully rounded life. And so, in the fullness of years, "Life's blessings all enjoyed, life's labor done," have passed away the Brother and Sister, tenderly attached in this life, and so soon re-united in the life beyond.

She departed this life at West Liberty, on Fourth-Month, 3d day, 1887, aged 83 years, nine months and 14

days, and on the 4th was interred in the Friends' burying ground north of town.

Signed on behalf of Wapsienonoc Monthly Meeting.

JOSIE I. WELCH, *Clerk.*

Read and approved and assigned on behalf of Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Highland on Ninth-Month, 8th, 1887.

ELIJAH HOGUE, *Clerk for the Day.*

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

In Third-Month last, three members of the Committee from Illinois and one from Iowa attended Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at West Liberty, Iowa, within the limits of Wapsienonoc Monthly Meeting belonging to this Quarterly Meeting, comprising West Liberty and Highlands Preparative Meetings, all of the families, we believe, were visited.

At West Liberty a Meeting at a Friend's house and three appointed Meetings were held which were well attended by members of our Society and several not members. Much satisfaction was felt and expressed during and after these Meetings to the effect that it was good for us to be here. An appointed Meeting was held at Springdale and one at Centredale, both of which places are within the limits of Wapsienonoc Monthly Meeting. We felt the assurance from those who were in attendance at these Meetings that they were profitable seasons. About four miles west of Springdale, at a small place called West Branch, we were cordially received by a Meeting in session at that place held by what is known as Wilburites. We attended one regular and four appointed Meetings at Highlands, all of which were held in the power and life which come from the Father. Immediately preceding these meetings there were held in the houses of two different Friends families Meetings of a very satisfactory character.

In Fifth-Month last, five of the Committee attended Blue River Quarterly Meeting held at Highlands Creek, near Salem, Washington County, Indiana, in this vicinity, four appointed Meetings were held one of which was held in Meeting House of what is called the Orthodox Branch, and as many Meetings were held at the residences of different Friends, and several Friends' families were visited; three of these visits were to families of which some members, owing to infirmity, had been unable for years to attend Meetings away from home.

Two of the members of the Committee attended an appointed Meeting at Hoopeston, Illinois, in Fifth-Month last, which was a satisfying occasion.

Another member of our Committee visited all the families belonging to Genoa Monthly Meeting (Genoa, Nance County, Nebraska.) Ten visits were thus made, also attended the regular Meeting on First-Day at Genoa in Tenth-Month last, thence he went to Garrison, probably about sixty miles from Genoa, here visited within a radius of about seven miles, six families. One Meeting was held at the residence of a Friend and an appointed Meeting was held in the village of Garrison. From this place he went to Bennet near Lincoln, Nebraska, where five families were visited, and one Meeting held at a Friend's residence. At Lincoln and neighborhood five families were visited and a Meeting was held at the residence of a Friend in Lincoln. We are gratified to learn that at this same place regular Meetings have been held ever since. At first once in each month, and for some time since semi-monthly. We feel that much encouragement for all who are interested in the welfare of our Society can be felt from the apparent religious zeal manifested in this particular field.

At Endicott, about 100 miles southwest of Lincoln, a Meeting was held at the residence of a Friend, after which he visited a Friend near Steele City, Nebraska, probably about six miles distant from the preceding place of Meeting. This visit was one of very great satisfaction, inasmuch as the Friend visited was under a conviction that he was called upon to sound the trumpet of Gospel love to his fellow men.

This same member of our Committee in Fifth-Month last attended Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting (Winfield, Iowa), visited twenty families in this neighborhood. Four meetings were held at residences of Friends. Attended meeting here held on First-day of the week. This visit proved one of special favor, and we have no doubt was one of profit to many sincere seekers after the truth.

In the limited amount of work we have been able to do when we compare it with the vastness of the harvest already whitened, we are deeply impressed with the thought, let us have more workers fired with the Master's love, that turns not back when the hands are put to the plough, in order that this vast field may be garnered to the glory of God. We are united in the thought that very few if any more important fields of labor lie within the limits of our Yearly Meeting, and we hope that the interest already awakened to the renewing of religious zeal and fervor evidenced when visiting in this field be not quenched by neglect on our part as a Meeting, but rather that a large and judicious committee of persons qualified for this important

work may be appointed so that the little that has been done may be followed up and more and more be accomplished year by year. We feel that only a little leaven has been put in the meal, but that the whole bulk may not be lost, our anxious care and love should be sent forth to look after it.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by

ABEL MILLS; *Clerk.*

NOTE.—The Committee think it proper to hereby acknowledge the valuable assistance and encouragement in their labors they received from Moses Brinton and Isaiah Lightner, of Nebraska.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRISON WORK.

To Illinois Yearly Meeting:—

Your Committee on Prison Affairs regret to say there is very little to report in the way of work during the past year, and while they would plead poor health as an excuse, in part, for so little having been accomplished, they are but too sensible of their own apathy in the matter to desire to conceal their lukewarmness entirely, under this cover.

One of our number gathered a large amount of reading matter for the use of a Prison Missionary, who distributes such to prisons all over the country.

Another visited the jail in Bureau County, found four prisoners, and reports the sanitary condition of the jail as good, the best of any he had ever visited, and that the sheriff seemed well qualified for the work, and taking an interest in that and the inmates. Another member reports the distribution of temperance literature among the mining camps of Georgia, missions and county prisons in Chicago, which sometimes would be gladly received, at others but indifferently.

Part of our committee who are residents of the neighborhood of Highland Preparative Meeting, Iowa, in company with a committee appointed by their local organization of W. C. T. U. visited the County Poor House of Johnson County, Iowa, and were well pleased with the neatness and cleanliness with which everything was kept. There is also a large and commodious building erected by the County for taking care of the incurably insane, under the supervision of the same persons, which is also in admirable sanitary condition, and fitted up with modern conveniences. There were seventeen insane and twenty-one pau-

pers, all of whom seemed to be well provided for. Quite a large amount of literature in the way of magazines and temperance papers were left with the officials of the institution, who expressed themselves as glad to get it.

A member of the Committee interested in the management of the Illinois Industrial Training School for Boys, located at Norwood Park, Cook County, suggested the propriety of this Committee interesting itself in finding homes in the neighborhoods of its members for boys from this school as they are ready to be sent into families.

After consideration it was the judgment of the Committee that its members could properly engage in this as valuable work in the line of their duties, the object of the school being to take boys from surroundings leading to criminal life and put them in the way of growing into useful and honest manhood under the influence of family life, after a preliminary training in the School. This the committee believed to be a legitimate channel for work, as rescuing indolent and perhaps vicious children from surroundings inducing growth in crime, would certainly be a preventive work, and it is much better to be able to prevent the making of a criminal and the commission of a crime, than to punish after and endeavor to reclaim.

On behalf of the Committee.

E. H. COALE, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

To Illinois Yearly Meeting.

DEAR FRIENDS: We the Temperance Committee submit the following report: Owing to the fact that our members are scattered over four states our work has necessarily been in the most part, that of individual work, each doing what he believed himself best adapted to perform. Iowa's portion of the committee reports that the interest in temperance is still increasing, but are now waiting to see what effect their prohibitory and temperance education laws will have upon the people, though with an eye ever alert to strengthen the weak places and fortify ourselves against the inroads made by those engaged in the liquor traffic.

The past few years have been spent in working up a temperance sentiment by (moral suasion) sufficient to enact prohibitory laws. We are now met with direct opposition in a few places to law, and we must submit to it or resort to legal suasion. For which purposes alliances have been formed in almost

every town and village in the State to see that the law is respected. Much time, money, patience and perseverance have to be expended in this direction, with more or less satisfactory results. But most cases are still pending.

We believe we are now just beginning to see the end, and have faith to believe that in another year the observer will see much more accomplished than has been done in the last. To other States we therefore send greeting. Iowa is for scientific temperance instruction in the public schools. Iowa is for the home as against the saloon. Iowa is for a school house every two miles square and not a saloon within ten miles of it.

There has been sent out under the direction of the committee and individuals to different localities, the following temperance documents: Fifty-two copies Band Hope, nine Catechisms, ——— Pledge Cards, Outfit White Cross, fifty-five copies Health Primer, fifty copies Crusader.

There have also been leaflets distributed as follows, besides many sent out by letter and handed to individuals for perusal and distribution:

To Prisons, Prison Missions, Mining Camps, etc.....	3,600
To Railroad Shops.....	1,975
To Dakota, to Friends who are working for temperance...1,005	
Total.....	6,580

Sample packages have also been sent into seven different States, to twenty-two localities.

A W. C. T. U. has been organized at Benjaminville, Illinois, to which some of the members of our committee are attached and are doing temperance work in that line. They have assisted in organizing one other union and have endeavored to organize more. They have visited a number of families in the interest of the temperance cause and contributed money and supplies to the temperance hospital of Chicago. We have also encouraged the subscribing for and reading of good temperance papers, and in many other ways labored for the promotion of the temperance cause.

A member of our committee informs us that a W. C. T. U. has been organized at White Rock, Kansas, with a total membership of fifty-one. Have taken up three departments of work, the Juvenile, the Literary and the Evangelistic work. The Evangelistic committee have visited the County Poor House and found the inmates hungering and thirsting after spiritual food—there having never been any religious services

held there before. They were very thankful for religions and temperance literature. We have had several temperance lectures which we think have done much towards confirming temperance principles; and we believe much good might be done by having frequent lectures, but our means are very limited. We have been distributing temperance and religious tracts and leaflets, but our supply is nearly exhausted, and if the Meeting feels that it has any means to spare to help us it will be thankfully received and judiciously used.

There have also been two Bands of Hope organized in this same locality, with a membership of 118. And from all parts of the country comes the cheering words that there are many willing workers enlisted for the purpose of crushing out the souls' destroyer, the liquor traffic. And we earnestly recommend that this body do not in any way falter, but with renewed effort stand as a unit for the home as against the saloon.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Purchased in the interest of the Illinois Y. M. Temperance work:

Sixty-one copies lesson books on temperance in Sabbath schools.....	\$ 2 95
Twenty-five copies standard lesson books for schools....	8 50
Fifty copies Crusader, temperance paper.....	40
Pledge cards and White Cross papers.....	42
Paid J. H. Welch for Johnson County, Iowa, alliance, to be used in Iowa City.....	6 00

Total amount received and expended.....\$18 27

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee.
O. WILSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to bring forward suitable names to constitute the Representative Committee of this Yearly Meeting submit the following names: (See back of book)

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

ABRAM H. BROWN, *Clerk.*

 REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed last year to present the Memorial Approved by this meeting on the Scientific Instruction bill report that in Second-Month last, one of its members presented the Memorial to a member of the House Committee on Education at Springfield, but we regret to say that although we had hopes of its passage, it nevertheless failed to become a law.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

JOSHUA L. MILLS, *Clerk.*

 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ISOLATED FRIENDS.

To Illinois Yearly Meeting Now Sitting:

DEAR FRIENDS: Several meetings have been appointed and attended to satisfaction of the mind. Also many families have been visited, in several of which seasons of worship were enjoyed.

Copies of Intelligencer have been sent.

“ “ “	58
Scattered Seed	335
Miscellaneous	146
To Fathers, Mothers, for Prison Work, Friends' Papers...	3,000
To a Prison in Indiana	1,535
To a Cook County Prison, Scattered Seeds	84
To a Cook County Prison, Friends' Papers	395
To a Cook County Prison, Miscellaneous and Religious..	253
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Total	5,826
Leaflets and Tracts	200

On behalf of Committee.

ABEL MILLS, *Clerk.*

 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

To the Committee on Indian Affairs of Illinois Yearly Meeting:

DEAR FRIENDS: There seems to have been but little that

your sub-committee could do the past year. Nevertheless they have not been unmindful of the adage that vigilance is the price of liberty, and have endeavored to keep a vigilant eye on the proceedings of Congress.

I enclose an interesting letter from our Secretary Levi K. Brown, which will give fully the status of Indian Affairs at present, and would recommend the suggestions therein contained to the favorable consideration of the Committee, viz., (that of securing a matron and appropriating our quota of the funds necessary to carry it into execution.) It is with feelings of deepest sympathy that I allude to the death of our beloved Friend and co-laborer in this as well as all humanitarian work, Cyrus Blackburn, of Baltimore, Maryland, who has so long, well and faithfully represented us on the sub-committee of Indian Affairs. In him our beloved Society has lost a valued member, the community in which he lived, and the oppressed of all Nationalities a Friend and Christian gentleman.

Ninth-Month, 14th, 1887.

JOSHUA L. MILLS, *Clerk.*

GOSHEN, Lancaster Co., Pa., 8th Mo., 20th, 1887.

Joshua L. Mills:

DEAR FRIEND: Your Yearly Meeting is approaching, and I presume your committee on Indian Affairs will meet to consult and report what has been accomplished during the past year in this interesting work.

Your committee was furnished with the proceedings of the convention held in Baltimore in 10th month last. Since then but little opportunity has been afforded for any extensive labor in behalf of the Indians.

Our Central Executive Committee made several visits to Washington during the past winter and spring, to consult with Members of Congress, the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with regard to legislation affecting the Indians, and trust that they were instrumental in at least one case, (that of a bill relating to the Seneca Indians in New York State) in preventing the passage of a very unjust bill.

The Land in Severalty bill, known as the "Dawes" bill which provides for the allotment of lands in severalty to the Indians, a measure which Friends have long contended for with the twenty-five year restriction as to sale, has passed both houses of Congress and become a law.

A special work of our Executive Committee was to impress upon the Commissioner of Indian Affairs the importance of providing a Matron at the Santee agency, to encourage and interest the Indian women in the art of housekeeping.

The men are now working well on their allotments; many of them are anxious to improve their farms and dwellings. But the women as a class are far behind the men. Most of them being careless as to how they live, are very negligent about their houses, do not make their beds, and a general feeling of indifference as to their manner of living is apparent among them. True there are exceptions; a few are quite tidy in their houses, set the table with a table cloth, have dishes, plates, knives, forks, etc., but these are the exceptions. A great need is to have a white woman to reside at the agency, and go around among the women, show them how to make bread, sew, and keep their houses clean and comfortable; to plant some flowers, shrubs or trees, make curtains for the windows, and such little matters as make home attractive.

In an interview with the acting Commissioner some weeks ago, regarding a Matron he expressed himself favorable and thought we should have one. He said they would consider the matter and advise us. Subsequently, I received a letter from the Commissioner, expressing his regret, "that owing to the meager appropriation made by Congress at its last session for Indian support and education, there were no funds at his command that he could apply to the payment of a Matron, as we desired."

In consultation with Friends of Philadelphia and New York at their late Yearly Meetings, I found a number favorable to our Society providing a Matron (in case the Government declined to do so), and paying her from our own funds.

I presume a suitable person could be procured that would undertake the work for \$500 per annum. She would, however, have to be taken from the agency buildings daily in a carriage and be brought back to lodge. Also would need an interpreter. Both of which would involve additional expense. The Indians are located from three to six, and even twelve miles distant from the agency buildings, and to visit them at their homes would require considerable labor.

The Santee Indians are admitted to be the most advanced in civilization of any of the Western tribes, and inasmuch as Friends have so long had the care of them, and been instrumental in advancing them to their present condition, it does

seem as though we should continue our labors in their behalf and endeavor to elevate them to a higher plane of civilization ere we leave them.

Charles Hill, our present efficient agent, is much in favor with our concern to have a person to look after and encourage the Indian women. He knows two or three half-breeds among them who have been well educated, and who he thinks would be suitable, as they can speak the Dakota language and could lodge at night with the Indians.

I do not believe, however, that they could accomplish as much as a white woman. The Indians should be taught to speak English, and brought out of their old ways and habits. Genesee Yearly Meeting had the subject before them at their late sitting and were united in judgment that their Meeting would contribute their quota of the expense of employing a Matron, in case the U. S. Government fail to make an appropriation.

The Clerk of the Indian Committee of New York Yearly Meeting expresses a confident belief that their Meeting will approve of Friends uniting in the appointment.

I have thought it right to ask Friends of the different Yearly Meetings to send delegates to a convention to meet in Baltimore at the time of Baltimore Yearly Meeting in 10th month next to consider the subject, as well as any other matters of Indian concern that may then be presented. If your Meeting should not appoint delegates, we would be pleased to have any suggestions you may have to make in regard to Indian work.

I feel we have sustained a great loss in the death of our beloved Friend, Cyrus Blackburn, both as an untiring worker in behalf of the Indian and the Colored man, as well as a worthy Elder and a substantial Friend in the Yearly Meeting.

I have thus endeavored to give thee the *status* of the Indian work with us at present. In conclusion I hope and trust you may be favored to enjoy a feast from the all bountiful table of the Dear Father, at your approaching Meeting near at hand.

Thy Sincere Friend,

L. K. BROWN.

P. S. I enclose a copy of the "Dawes Bill."

PLANS FOR PHILANTHROPIC LABOR.

To Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends:

The committee on Philanthropic Labor has held two meetings for organization and consideration of its field of labor, twenty members being present, and now reports that it organized by appointing Jonathan W. Plummer as chairman and the following named persons as chairmen of the sub committees

Committee on Corrupt Literature and Social Impurity,
Mary G. Smith.

Committee on Gambling and Kindred Vices, Allen J. Flitcraft.

Committee on Indian Affairs, Joshua L. Mills.

Committee on Peace and Arbitration, Elwood Trueblood.

Committee on Prison Affairs, Theodore P. Marsh.

Committee on Temperance Interests, Horace G. Welch.

The members present were assigned to the several committees, in accordance with their preferences and sense of duty, and the chairman of the general committee was directed to ascertain the preferences of absent members and assign them accordingly.

In this dividing the grand committee into sub-committees for special line of work, it was understood that each member was at liberty to unite in the work of any committee, other than the one to which he was assigned, as opportunity or duty allowed, reporting of the labor to the appropriate chairman. Also that in due season each sub-committee is to report of its labors to the chairman of the general committee, who is to arrange the various reports in proper form and order for presentation to the full committee, near the time of the opening session of the Yearly Meeting, to which the report, as finally agreed upon, is to be presented.

The chairman of our committee has been directed to inform the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Union for Philanthropic Labor, that we do not feel that we can attend a meeting of the Union or its Executive Committee this year, but desire that committee to do whatever in its judgment will best promote the purpose of the Union and increase the interest in it.

As an Executive Committee, Elijah Hogue, Edward Coale, and Charles A. Lukens were appointed and authorized to designate at the proper time delegates to the Philanthropic Union, at any session held before our next Yearly Meeting.

The committee was united in the request that the Yearly Meeting place at its disposal for use as needed, the sum of \$150 to be drawn upon order of the chairman of the general committee, (on endorsement of the executive committee).

The committee then adjourned.

INFORMATION FROM F. D. S. ASSOCIATION.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends now Sitting:

The Executive Committee of the F. D. School Association in their report recommended that we ask the Yearly Meeting, since it has taken the F. D. Schools under its care, to assume the finances of this Association as it does those of the Committee on Philanthropic Labor and other subjects, and this body approving the recommendations, the Clerk is directed to inform the Yearly Meeting.

Taken from the minutes of the annual Association of F. D. Schools, held the 10th day of Ninth-Month, 1887, in its first session.

MARY G. SMITH, *Clerk for the Day.*

REPORT OF PEACE COMMITTEE.

Committee on Peace as opposed to military training regret to be obliged to say that very little work has been accomplished by it during the last year. Owing to the illness of one of its members an article intended for general publication on this subject was not sent out during the year as was the intention as mentioned in last year's report.

One of the members had published in the local newspaper a selected article, and by conversation on this subject an influence has been exerted. Another member has, in a quiet way, done some apparent effective work. We are of the opinion that this is a very important work and hope that that branch of the

Philanthropic Labor Committee having charge of the subject of Peace and Arbitration will do what it can to diminish the war spirit so prevalent throughout the country.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

ALLEN J. FLITCRAFT, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF DINING HALL COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Dining Hall arrangements report care as directed.

It recommends the appointment of a new and smaller Committee, and the appropriation of \$50 to its use for the completion of the building and interior improvements. It has expended for strengthening the building, \$5.00.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

AMOS B. WILSON, *Clerk.*

COMMUNICATION FROM CONCERNED FRIENDS.

To Illinois Yearly Meeting Now Sitting:

DEAR FRIENDS: We, whose signatures appear hereunto, feeling a deep concern for the welfare and right religious progress of our beloved Society, that we may all be of one heart, and one mind, striving together in brotherly confidence and unity for the faith and hope of the Gospel; and seeking for the preservation and increase of that openness and fellowship which flows from a mutual walking in and an understanding of the Light, would ask for your consideration and concurrence in setting us at liberty, with permission to associate others in the work as best wisdom directs, of gathering together and embracing in report to the Representative Committee one year hence the vital testimonies of our religious Society for its approval and publication to the end, that the inquiry and need for such information may be supplied.

CHAS. A. LUKENS,
EDWARD COALE,
ABEL MILLS,
MARY G. SMITH,
HANNAH S. MILLS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXERCISE.

Our 13th Yearly Meeting began its first session 12th of Ninth-Month, 1887.

Meetings on First-day preceding were well attended though not so large as usual. In these much tender counsel was given and lively testimonies were born to the univesality of the love of God, as manifested in that light which he has given to all his children, as sufficient for their guidance and salvation. And from the reverent attention by the audience it was evident that these truths met a like witness in the heart of the hearer.

After the usual preliminary business on Second-day was transacted and the visiting Friends from other Yearly Meetings were welcomed amongst us, two of whom were Ministers, one bearing a minute which was read, the Meeting entered into the consideration of a proposition to hold the future sittings of Illinois Yearly Meetings as one body. The subject was referred to a joint Committee.

In the afternoon session Epistles were read from the various Yearly Meetings with which we correspond which bore evidences of being prompted by that love which time and distance do not bound, and we were cheered and made glad in the reflection that all the workers who aim at the betterment of the race and the uplifting of man are moved by a unity of spirit and a oneness of purpose. After receiving a favorable report from the Committee on United Session, the meeting adjourned to meet in the future as one body.

On Third-day Morning Illinois Yearly Meeting of Men and Women Friends met as one body and although at first there seemed to be a shadow hanging over this new order of things, yet as the day wore on this, through the loving condescension of those who felt the movement was not wise, in a measure passed away and the united body moved on to consider the state of Society as presented by answers to the queries. These indicate some improvement in the condition of the Society, only some remissness in the continued smallness of Mid-week Meetings, and a remnant of the drinking habit in one or two localities.

The public Meeting on Fourth-day morning was a season of refreshing to many minds, and many living testimonies to the truth were uttered which bore the impress of Divine sanction.

Reports from the various fields of labor and reform in

which we are engaged furnished much valuable information and material for thought, and as the subjects of Temperance, Prison Reform, Isolated Friends, Indian Affairs, etc., were brought before us by these reports, we were led to believe that much had been accomplished in each line of labor, but in view of the magnitude of the work before us our hearts were humbled and we were ready to cry unto the Lord of the harvest, that he would increase our faith and send more laborers into the field.

Signed on behalf of Committee.

THOMAS E. HOGUE, *Clerk*.

REPORT OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

Summary Answers to the Queries Addressed to Illinois Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders:

Ans. to 1st.—Most of our members are diligent in the attendance of all our Meetings as ability is afforded and are concerned to encourage their families to that religious duty. One Meeting reports that some of its members almost entirely neglect our Mid-week Meetings.

Ans. to 2nd.—We believe that Ministers in the exercise of their gifts give evidence of Divine qualification.

Ans. to 3d.—We believe Christian fellowship is maintained not only one with another, but also with the Meetings to which they belong. As regards the concern for the advancement of truth, we believe a higher standard of Christian excellence would be reached if we were more prompt in obeying the still, small voice.

Ans. to 4th. Endeavors are made to be good examples in uprightness and moderation of conduct, and many labor to instruct our families in the principles and testimonies of our religious Society. Yet there is a feeling at times of necessity for a deeper interest to be brought to bear in regard to the foregoing queries, feeling that it might be a strength to us.

Extracts from the minutes of Illinois Yearly Meeting for Ministers and Elders held at Clear Creek, Illinois, Ninth-Month, 10th, 1887.

THOMAS E. HOGUE, *Clerk*.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of Families.....	Prairie Grove Qrly. Mtg				Blue River Quarterly Meeting.								Total Blue River Quarterly Meeting.	Total Belonging to Illinois Yearly Meeting.
	Marietta Monthly Meeting.	Prarie Grove Monthly Meeting.	Genoa Monthly Meeting.	Wapsienonoc Monthly Meeting.	Total Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting.	Clear Creek Monthly Meeting.	Blue River Monthly Meeting.	Benjamin ville Monthly Meeting.	Richard Monthly Meeting.	East Jordan Executive Meeting.	Central Executive Meeting of Chicago.	Blue River Executive Meeting.		
Parts of Families.....	21	4	14	38	75	46	17	34	7	4	13	4	125	200
Members.....	10	9	7	37	63	58	12	31	4	3	18	10	139	199
Non-Resident Members.....	140	65	71	165	441	199	108	174	35	33	71	26	644	1085
Minor's.....	50	..	35	68	153	115	14	88	2	15	15	..	249	402
Usual attendance at Meeting on First-days.....	31	38	31	48	125	38	50	28	16	9	12	5	148	273
Usual attendance on week-days.....	\$10	25	40	40	141	35	55	45	25	9	30	10	209	334
ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP.														
Births.....	2	3	..	2	7	2	4	3	1	..	1	..	11	18
Requers.....	1	..	..	6	7	..	5	3	..	..	1	..	9	16
Certificates.....	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	7	4	..	1	..	13	14
Total Additions.....														
LOSSES IN MEMBERSHIP.														
From Deaths.....	1	..	..	2	3	3	..	2	..	..	1	..	6	9
Disowment.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1
Resignation.....	1	2	..	2	5	..	..	3	..	1	..	1	2	7
Removals.....	9	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	14
Total Losses.....														
NET ADDITIONS.....	11	2	..	4	17	3	9	7	5	1	2	1	14	31
NET LOSSES.....	8	1	1	4	2	..	9	6	..	1	1	1	21	17

*Resident. †Monthly meeting. ‡Mid-week meeting discontinued. ††No meeting. †††No meeting except for discipline.

EPISTLES.

From the Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends Held by Adjournments from 27th of 9th Month to 30th of Same, Inclusive, 1886, to Illinois Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

DEAR SISTERS: We trust it is with heart and soul bowed before the Throne of Grace in thankfulness for the privilege of again convening together, that we address you, and acknowledge the welcome messages from yours and other Yearly Meetings, with their greetings of love and encouragement. The subjects of interest noted by all, vibrated upon responsive chords in our own hearts, as deep calling unto deep; sometimes even unto the depths of Jordan's waters, where we find memorial stones to treasure for future usefulness. Our usual work coming before us, we find avenues opening as we progress, and as the laborers are ready, the fields are before them. With the recognition of the Yearly Meeting the First-Day schools feel a newness of life. Humanitarian workers have appealed from the law of capital punishment, and have their reward, if not in saving life, in the knowledge of duty done and principles presented.

We are entreated to unfurl our banner of peace, more openly before the eyes of the world, to teach the children its power is greater than that of war, where after all the strife and contention have ceased, the cause of disturbance is finally settled by arbitration, thus avoiding the waste of human life.

Temperance, too, calls for our aid in word and deed, and the inquiry arises, what can we, as women, do most effectually? And the thought presents, that he who is now the drunken man, was once the helpless child, with cravings satisfied by food

and drink pure and healthful, while now the desire for that which steals away his brain is beyond his control. How far are we, the mothers, responsible for this? Have we seen that this appetite was not cultivated by our own hands; that we have never allowed alcoholic poisons to be absorbed into the physical life of the child? Have we never used it to relieve the pain of sickness; never offended the delicate nostril, even by the perfume whose base is alcohol? Have we never demoralized healthful food by spices and condiments, until that which was natural is so no longer; did we never entice his appetite with cakes and desert dishes, made tempting by flavored spirits? Do we know that, within our domain, he cannot only touch not, taste not, handle not, but that he can smell not, that which intoxicates? If we do not know this, let us no longer stand idle. While fathers, sons and brothers are lopping the huge branches from this corrupt tree, cannot we lay the axe to these little, though powerful roots?

Our Indian Committee made an interesting report, and while little can be done, we were encouraged to continue our committee.

The state of Society coming before us, we find as we look more and more into the spirit of the queries, new beauties and new meanings, both in a moral and spiritual sense, new incitements are felt to fulfill their requirings. Our shortcomings are many, yet we desire that no discouragements may be thrown in the paths of the rising generation.

No ministers are with us from other Yearly Meetings, yet we have lacked no good thing. The instruments of our own household have given no uncertain sound. We feel that their hearts have been tuned in unison with the Lord, enabling them to pour into our spiritual ears sweet music. Believing that as we have come together like the crowd around Jesus, and the strength imparted not only to those near Him but those, too, afar off, we have been reminded that as the physical child does not suddenly become the strong man, neither does the babe in Christ develop but by slow degrees into the fulness of spiritual life. The lessons must be many, and the Father teaches all. If we could always remember that this one has had one lesson more, and that one one lesson less, than we, our field of charity might be wide enough and broad enough to give standing room to more of the human family, and no one would say, "Stand aside for I am Holier than thou."

With salutations of love we bid you farewell. Signed in and by direction of the meeting.

MARY W. COOK, *Clerk.*

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, Held at Salem, from 29th of 8th Month to 1st of 9th Month, 1887, to the Approaching Yearly Meeting of Illinois:

DEAR FRIENDS: The excellent epistles we have received at this time from the several bodies of sisters with whom we correspond have renewed feelings of gratitude to the Great Head of the church, who has said, "I am the vine and ye are the branches;" and may we, by our much bearing fruit, ever show our close connection to the parent stem, and prove ourselves worthy of His pruning and watering.

We have been remembered in the company of several Friends from sister associations, and loving words of exhortation and counsel have been freely given. Acceptable as these words are, we must not be discouraged in the absence of them, but remember, though we feel the great need of an outward ministry, that God is the teacher of his people Himself, and any one coming to him will in no wise be cast out, for the promise is given, that he who seeks shall find, and to him who knocks the door shall be open. Also, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

No unusual deficiencies are reported in review of the state of Society, yet as we see year after year our members gathered to transact the business coming before us, a secret cry goes up for fresh awakening to our souls' needs, and for that communion with the Father which establishes that revelation upon which, Christ said, "I build my church."

There is no apparent waning of interest in the First-Day School cause among the devoted workers who have long labored in that field. From our visiting friends, who have been in the work from its start, come earnest words of appeal, that others might lend a helping hand, and open schools, accompanied with the assurance that fruitage follows unflagging endeavor.

The great need of pressing the work in the interest of temperance is recognized, and a desire manifested to move in this, as talent and ability are given.

We have been favored to transact the business before us in much harmony. With desires that you, with ourselves, may be found seeking the Lord aright, and thus making advancement in all good things, we remain with a salutation of love,

YOUR SISTERS.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the meeting.

JANE EDGERTON, *Clerk.*

From Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, Held by Adjournments, from 9th of 5th Month, to 13th of the Same, Inclusive, 1887, to Illinois Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

DEAR SISTERS: It is with feelings of deep thankfulness to Him from whom comes every blessing, that we are privileged to meet again in our Yearly Meeting—to feel, as we gathered into silence, that Israel's unslumbering shepherd still watched over this portion of his flock—and to greet one another in that love which is of the Father's own implanting, and which is indeed the bond of peace. At the opening of our first session, our hearts were tendered as the voice of supplication was heard, pleading that the Divine presence might be felt to be continually with us, and that all our sittings might be held under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We have been led to believe there can be no true interchange of feeling, either in correspondence or in mingling with each other, if there issues no direct response from one to the other. Therefore, dear friends, we address you with feelings of tender love and sympathy, grateful for your kind and loving message, inciting us to greater diligence and a truer dedication of heart, and while we are deeply interested in all that interests you, we fully believe, that if we can labor as in the presence, and under the direction of the Saviour of our souls, every good work will surely prosper.

The absence of those dear, aged mothers, who have so long watched and labored with us, is keenly felt. Their vacant places continually remind us that some are awaiting the Master's call, while others have already passed on to the higher life, into the rest prepared for the righteous—gathered as ripened sheaves into the Heavenly garner—into the presence of Him whom they have loved and served. And while we feel the weakness that must necessarily follow these removals, very earnest have been our prayers that there may be found those who shall be raised up, and, anointed by the Divine Spirit, come forth as true standard-bearers in our Israel.

On entering upon the state of our Society, there was apparent a striking evidence of remissness in regard to the attendance of our business and week-day meetings, which called forth much pertinent counsel from exercised spirits. Many testimonies were born to the peace and satisfaction which result from a faithful attention to our smaller meetings, and our younger members have been exhorted to more fully appreciate the responsibility which rests upon them in this particular. We

have also been tenderly counseled to cultivate that Christian spirit which will enable older and younger alike to overlook deficiencies, and to dwell in an atmosphere of such close sympathy that a tendency to criticism can find no room for development.

There is a strong interest manifested in the First-Day School work, throughout our Yearly Meeting, many of the schools receiving the encouragement and sanction of the Meeting to which they are attached. And while we believe that these schools, properly conducted, will be a means of fostering the church, we also believe that they should not be allowed to encroach in any way upon the good order and solemnity of our Meetings for worship, or to remove the responsibility from the parents, upon whom should devolve the religious training of their children. The home is the legitimate nursery of the church, and as we have listened to the tender pleadings of love in our midst, exhorting us to a knowledge of Christ in the soul, we have felt that if the hearts of the parents are established on this rock, the foundation principle, a life of true dedication will be the natural outcome.

We rejoice to note, that in the messages that have come to us from other Yearly Meetings, a general interest in the temperance reform, giving evidence of an increased awakening throughout our Society to the enormity of this evil. More imperative than ever comes the cry for the suppression of the liquor traffic. It comes from the north, and from the south; from the east and from the west—and even from across the waters it comes. And, with a broad and general response to the workers there, as well as in our own land, may we not be found wanting in the performance of any known duty.

We are very affectionally, YOUR SISTERS.
Signed by the direction and on behalf of the meeting.

MARGARETTA WALTON, *Clerk.*

From the Women's Branch of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Held by Adjournments from 25th of 10th Month to 29th of Same, Inclusive, 1886, to the Next Yearly Meeting of Women Friends to be Held in Illinois:

DEAR SISTERS: While listening to the words of counsel falling from the lips of our sisters, we have often thought of you, our distant friends, and have regretted that your annual message of love has failed to reach us. We greet you with the love that knows no bounds, rejoicing that we have once more

been permitted to mingle with our dear friends socially and spiritually, at this our annual gathering. Many ministers from a distance are in attendance, manifesting that this part of the vineyard has not been forgotten. Their presence and gospel labors have been most acceptable, setting the truth free, and showing clearly that those who seek to know shall find. "Seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Dear Sisters, may we all be freed from the fetters that bind, with a vision that sees clearly, and an understanding that comprehends the truth as it really is, beautiful and unchangeable, comparable to the pearl of great price, more precious than rubies.

We have been forcibly and affectionately reminded of the necessity of a clean record, a heart so pure that the presence of our Heavenly Father would be acceptable at any time. The pure in heart shall see God, and what could be more desirable to a true child of such a loving Father? It is desirable that we put on "the whole armor of righteousness," and be fully able to work when called into service.

The close attention and thoughtful demeanor of our young people has made our hearts glad. We feel that there is a band coming up, who will be able to extend our principles and hold up the banner of truth and righteousness.

There is, indeed, evidence that the temperance cause is progressing, and we take courage and thank our Heavenly Father. May he speed the time when this great evil shall be entirely banished from the land, and all other evils that dwarf the intellect, impede the spiritual growth, and hold us as slaves. Oh, how beautiful it would be were we entirely exempt from these. Then all would be ready to fulfill their earthly mission—for each one must have a mission for usefulness—physically, mentally, and spiritually. Some writer has said that "Labor is worship," and it seems true, when we are doing what the dear Father requires of us.

We have had wise and loving counsel in regard to being faithful in the attendance of our meetings, that we might be refreshed and strengthened to keep on in well doing from day to day. Mothers have been reminded that they lose much by not going to meeting and taking their little ones with them. It is sometimes difficult to attend mid-week meetings, but perseverance will accomplish much, and we will be rewarded, believing there will be no loss "in basket or in store" by thus turning aside to do our duty. We miss the company and sweet countenances of our aged sisters who have gone from works to reward,

and the language goes forth, "Be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not." It is a responsible thing to live aright, letting our light shine upon all who come within the circle of our influence.

The answering of the queries called forth much deep interest. We should be guarded and sincere in speech on all occasions, and to do this requires watchfulness and prayer. Let us remember the new commandment which Jesus gave unto us, "That Ye love one another."

Feeling our spirits lovingly drawn to you, we remain with an affectionate greeting,

YOUR SISTERS.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

ANNA F. MATTHEWS, *Clerk.*

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends, Held in Philadelphia by Adjournments, from 9th of 5th Month to 13th of Same, Inclusive, 1887, to Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends.

DEAR FRIENDS: Acknowledging the receipt of your epistle, we may express to you that in this, our annual gathering, we have been made deeply sensible of the great importance that our Society should faithfully maintain the testimonies of truth.

We have realized the necessity to dwell very near the divine fountain, that we may be enabled faithfully to perform the part assigned us by the Head of the Church in keeping alive a knowledge of the truth as enunciated by the Divine Master, unadulterated by the many inventions that have been made, calculated to lead from entire dependence upon the revelation of the Divine will to the soul of man. "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me." (John xv, 4.) This abiding in Christ, the true vine, is needful to our preservation from everything which lessens the proper understanding of the things of God, and our dependence thereon.

Living desires have at this time been felt that silent waiting upon God in our Meetings may not be lightly esteemed. The restless spirit often feels this quiet retirement to be irksome, and does not sufficiently listen to hear the words of the Gracious Master. As the soul is brought into humble dependence upon the one fountain of life, light and strength, and awaits the arising of the wisdom of God, it may be qualified

rightly to do His will, and "Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching." (Luke xii, 37.) We are sensible it is as we dwell and only move under this Divine direction in our efforts to promote the welfare of our fellowmen, that our purpose can be attained. It is "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." (Zech. iv, 6.)

While we desire the encouragement of all who feel called to labor in those fields which tend to advance the welfare of mankind, we are concerned that Friends may ever keep in view the cardinal principles and testimonies that distinguish us from other religious bodies.

The immediate guidance of the Holy Spirit in all the duties of life preserves even that which is called secular and necessary from the contaminating influences of unclean surroundings.

Our annual assembly has been large and a precious covering of brotherly feeling has greatly prevailed. Many interesting subjects have claimed our weighty consideration and we are encouraged to increase diligence in the varied concerns which have engaged our attention.

While comparatively few brethren with minutes from other Yearly Meetings have been present with us, we have in all our sittings realized the presence of the "Master of all rightly gathered assemblies," uniting us unto Himself and bringing us into a oneness of spirit, which has been a crown to our Meeting.

Reports from some of our Quarterly Meetings furnish interesting information, showing that several Monthly Meetings are extending care over the First-Day Schools amongst them.

The concern which for some years claimed our attention, for the encouragement of our members in their several neighborhoods to a more diligent attendance of all our religious Meetings, and the maintenance of the Christian Doctrines and Testimonies we profess, still remains an object of solicitude, and has been felt also to extend to the members situated remotely from established Meetings, particularly those residing in the States and Territories west of Illinois. Sympathy with these in their isolation, and interest in their spiritual welfare, was largely expressed and the subject was put in the care of a committee, to report when prepared.

The subject of the guarded education of our children and

youth, under influences tending to cultivate the finer moral perceptions and develop an interest in our principles and testimonies, brought before us by the report of our Educational Committee, is one in which all Friends must be deeply interested. Aid continues to be extended, as way opens, to establish and maintain the best schools that can be made available for the children of our members in their different neighborhoods.

We do not at this time feel it needful to go into a detailed account of all the various subjects that have come before us, but we would earnestly encourage all to increased faithfulness in their several allotments in the Church. By this faithfulness, we believe individual and collective growth will be experienced, and the great object of our religious organization attained.

And now, dear Friends, with our renewed salutation of love,
we are,

YOUR BRETHREN.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

EMMOR ROBERTS, *Clerk.*

From the New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, Held by Adjournments from the 23rd of 5th Month to the 26th of the Same, Inclusive, 1887, to the Next Yearly Meeting of Women Friends of Illinois:

DEAR SISTERS: We greet you in the bonds of that affection which waxeth not old, and which binds together the children of the Highest. We have with us a number of friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have come to us as ships freighted with love. Truly the good Master is thoughtful of His children; and if we will but partake of the good things that are set before us on His bountiful table, we shall be filled.

We appreciate the mingling of friends together, socially, as well as spiritually; for, as "iron sharpeneth iron, so doth a man the countenance of his friend."

We feel great encouragement, as our younger members are taking added interest in the affairs of the Church, owing largely, as we think, to the influence of the First-day Schools, whose first introduction, a few years ago, had but a timid and feeble recognition, and which have just received in our Society the appreciation which they deserve. We believe that when there are rightly qualified teachers, who are concerned for the advancement of the children, bringing their young minds early to feel the great interest we have in their best welfare, the chil-

drens' love for our Meetings will be largely increased. We are often reminded of your wide field of labor, taking in, as you do, the Far West in your embrace. You are a younger Sister in the galaxy of Meetings, and have led the way in many labors of philanthropy. A year ago we appointed a Committee on Philanthropic Labor, whose first report has come to us at the present session. In this work we find a field presented broad enough to engage our best endeavors.

The subject of intemperance has been brought before us in the report of our Committee, and much exercise has attended its consideration; and while we offer urgent prayers to our Heavenly Father that this devastating evil may be stayed ere the Nation be utterly destroyed by an enemy that seems to be "undermining the very ground upon which we tread," we are, at the same time, conscious of the pressing need of more earnest endeavor, of greater practical effort for its extermination, believing that thus only will our prayers be answered, and success ultimately achieved. This work appeals with peculiar urgency and pathos to our sex; and, in this latter day, upon the willing shoulders of noble women has fallen a weight of labor in advancing the cause of temperance. Among the more apparent results of this vast enterprise for human good, we rejoice that their efforts are shaping beneficent legislation for the children. May we, dear sisters, lend our aid to strengthen the hands of those workers in the broad harvest field, who are bearing the "burden and heat of the day," by striving to remove the weight of apathy that may rest upon any within our borders; that all may be stimulated and inspired with fresh courage in a service fraught with the best temporal hopes, and the spiritual interests of humanity.

We trust that the cloud of darkness may be gradually lifted from our colored brethren and sisters through the influence of education. The sufferings of the Indians also claim our attention and sympathy. Statistics inform us that while millions are freely expended by our government to *defend* us from the Indians, the small amount due them for *educational* purposes is grudgingly given.

We may congratulate one another upon the enlarged opportunities now afforded for the higher education of women, fitting them for greater usefulness; and, when we shall have received the full recognition of the poet's idea of "two heads in council; two beside the hearth," we shall be better qualified for intelli-

gent action upon the questions vitally affecting the moral and religious welfare of society.

In Sisterly affection we bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting, by
AMANDA K. MILLER, *Clerk.*

From Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Men's Branch) Held on Lombard Street, Baltimore, by Adjournments from 25th of 10th Month to 29th of Same, Inclusive, 1886, to the Next Yearly Meeting of Friends of Illinois, to be held at Mount Palatine, 12th of 9th Month, 1887.

DEAR FRIENDS: Having met in annual assembly for the consideration of ways and means looking to our own and the general good, the reading of the message from your Yearly Meeting has been cheering and inspiring to us. We hold our organization to be precious as an agency for the formation of character upon the model of the Prince of Peace, and for its reclamation when fallen from this high estate. And also, as a power when its membership, as a body, becomes imbued with His Spirit, to impress higher aims and aspirations upon the mass of the communities in which we dwell.

We claim that the individual is the direct recipient of Divine Truth by revelation from his Maker. Against the pretensions of any man, or council of men, in their human wisdom, it is ours to insist upon this: that God teaches His people himself, and that obedience to His words, or voice in the soul, affords the one guarantee for a walk with God.

With this as the basis of our union and love as its cement, we believe we experience the largest measure of individual liberty possible. If church association is to be maintained at all, our peace and prosperity depend much on the non-abuse of this liberty.

We have with us a larger number of Ministers and Elders from other Yearly Meetings than usual, giving evidence that we are held in remembrance. Their company and labors have been cause for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father. Our Meeting has been well attended, giving reason to hope that labors by our Visiting Committee have stirred up the pure minds of our members by way of inclining them to greater diligence in their religious duties, not the least of which is keep-

ing up our meetings for worship, which bring us frequently together to wait prayerfully upon God.

We feel there is the same need now as in the past, for observing plainness and simplicity in our manner of living and thus avoid a strong temptation to dishonest dealing, or betrayal of trust, so common in business life. And we desire that our time may not be so entirely occupied with business that social mingling is neglected and loss sustained thereby, which money cannot replace.

We were much impressed with the living concern of a sister, who came to us in the name of the Master, to remind us of the equality of the sexes in the spiritual life; that personal purity, in thought, word or act, is no less imperative as an obligation on man, than woman.

The subject of temperance requires our best efforts in order to counteract the degrading influence of the animal appetite, enslaving the soul and causing a train of misery and suffering, ignorance and want, by which thousands of our fellow beings are bearing the evidence of a blighted existence, instead of fulfilling the design of a beneficent Creator.

The public Temperance Meeting, held during our Yearly Meeting, under care of our committee, was marked by more advanced thought on the subject, and invoked the carrying out of our highest and deepest convictions of duty, against the terrible evil of intemperance, by all legitimate methods. Our Temperance Committee has labored during the past year, intelligently and effectually, in connection with other organizations, for securing legislation to empower and require the public schools of Maryland to teach the effects of alcohol and narcotics on the human organism. Text books, having this end in view, are now in use in the schools of Baltimore City, and in nearly every county in the state of Maryland. We believe this result is largely due to the labors of our committee. We have this year placed temperance work under the care of our Philanthropic Committee, with which it must be a leading concern.

The First-day Schools having passed under the care of our Meetings, we have witnessed the past year, a zeal unabated in that branch of service. We believe those who have engaged in this work, giving to it their best efforts, are being blessed by the Great Teacher, and that our Meetings share in the blessing.

In conclusion we remember our absent members, whose fervent desires, we feel assured, are joined with ours for the

growth and spread of the beneficent Kingdom of our Lord and Master over all, with you and us.

With a salutation of love we are,

YOUR FRIENDS.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting by

LEVI K. BORWN, *Clerk.*

From the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Held in New York, by Adjournments from the 23rd Day of Fifth-Month, to the 26th of the Same Inclusive, 1887, to Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends:

DEAR FRIENDS: We gratefully recognize the Divine favor vouchsafed, when, one year ago, we concluded our labors, to meet again at the usual time, if permitted by the Lord, that this has been mercifully realized.

Another cause for heartfelt acknowledgement, is the evidence of fraternal fellowship between the Seven Yearly Meetings composing our portion of the Christian Church.

Epistolary correspondence continues with undiminished interest, our love for distant brethren unabated, and appreciation of those glorious principles which produce now, and yielded in the past, such a harvest of blessings, is not lessened. These considerations are incentives to a renewal of covenant with our Heavenly Father, who has effected it all.

While we sadly note vacant seats, and no more behold the forms of some who gave dignity to our gatherings, by deportment and counsel in deliberations we have thankfully to acknowledge we have been blessed with the Master of all rightly gathered assemblies.

The value of consecrated lives, in the work of righteousness has been feelingly adverted to, and, though withdrawn from outward mingling, their influence for good remains.

“Only the actions of the just
Smell sweet and blossom in the dust.”

The review of the state of our Religious Society, as exhibited in the answers to the queries, has been the occasion of unusual interest. While the evidence is painfully indicated of the extent of non-attendance of meetings, more especially those held near the middle of the week, it has been comforting to wit-

ness the deep concern this produced, and the fervor in testimony for their support.

To make effective our principles organized effort is essential, and their preservation becomes a necessity.

Society is the aggregation of individuals.

The dedication of the individual to God, to desire the soul's qualification for service, will be followed by the necessity to assemble with the brethren, thereby publicly acknowledging our allegiance to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

In the performance of this reasonable duty, how pertinent is the injunction of the Apostle: "Brethren forget not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh."

With love to God in the highest, as a natural sequence, love to man must follow, and "Upon these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Fervent aspirations were raised for greater in-dwelling of spirit at the Fountain of all Purity, to which all have access, thereby renewing our lives in holiness and virtue. With hearts cleansed and purified, all deficiencies would be remedied, the walls of our Zion rebuilt, and joy and gladness take the place of sorrow and lamentation.

The mighty agency to effect this still remains. "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear."

The query respecting the manner of conducting our mercantile pursuits, performing promises, and paying just debts, was answered, that this practical indication of Truth's limitations had few exceptions, which occasioned grateful comment.

The necessity, however, for the testimony to moderation, in this day of lavish expenditure in living, was emphasized.

The sorrowful example of broken trusts and defalcations, in the greed for gain in the community makes the utterance of the Blessed Jesus worthy of all acceptance: "Be not therefore anxious, saying, what shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or, wherewithal shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first His King-

dom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Under the head of Philanthropic Labor, we last year appointed committees on the following subjects, viz: Temperance, Indian Affairs, Peace and Arbitration, Prison Reform, Corrupt Literature, Capital Punishment, Education of the Colored People, and Tobacco.

Reports have been made on the several subjects, showing the character and extent of work in each, which received earnest consideration.

Although difference in sentiment has been obvious in our deliberations, the prevalence of fraternal condescension and love has characterized each session, making the revival of ancient experience applicable now. "The seed reigns."

The precious covering has been mercifully continued to the conclusion of the Meeting.

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfected; be comforted; be of the same mind; live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

ROBERT S. HAVILAND, *Clerk.*

From Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends, Held at Yarmouth, Ontario, by Adjournments, from 13th of 6th Month, to 16th of the Same, Inclusive, 1887, to Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends:

DEAR FRIENDS: Again the cords of Divine love have drawn us together, and we find ourselves assembled in a united body, for the purpose of worshipping our Heavenly Father, and for promoting the welfare of the Church, in the manner which best wisdom shall direct.

The Meeting for public worship on First Day was largely attended, including many not of our fold, yet we trust that all were earnest seekers for the manna which may be gathered anew every morning to satisfy the cravings of the hungry soul.

We have been reminded by the reading of your excellent epistle that our Father's living regard is extended over all the

objects of His care in whatever part of the vineyard we may be located.

We have with us several Ministering Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose counsels and messages of love have been refreshing and encouraging to us.

We were feelingly admonished that our spiritual love should evince itself with the same zeal that we manifest in the social gathering, which seemed more particularly applicable to the younger members, upon whom the maintainance of our religious organization must ere long rest, as it would strengthen the bond of Christian fellowship and better prepare them for the work whereunto they will ere long be called.

The query arose, "Why need we attend our religious meetings? Can we not worship at home in seasons of leisure, or while engaged in our daily avocations of labor?" The response was, "In Union there is strength." Therefore we should not neglect the assembling of ourselves together when the emanations of Divine love might be felt flowing from channel to channel, broadening and deepening as it were, into a mighty river, cheering and strengthening the beholder with its brilliancy, and encouraging them to come and drink from that fountain which alone can nourish and sustain the immortal nature within us.

Encouraging reports have been received of First-day School work, which we fear has been too long neglected. A hearty response was given when a request was made that the Yearly Meeting assist in defraying the expenses of the First-day School Conference, and we feel assured that in the united effort good fruits will result, and renewed vigor will be realized.

We have been much encouraged by the increased interest manifest in the Temperance movement, the outgrowth of the appointment of a "Standing" Committee by the Yearly Meeting, and at whose recommendation conferences have been established in two of the Quarterly Meetings, and the benefit resulting therefrom has been so great that other meetings were advised to follow their example. Through the report of its Temperance Committee the Yearly Meeting plants its standard on the only practical basis: Total abstinence for the individual, prohibition of the traffic, and to use its endeavors to suppliment moral suasion by legal reform. The cries of the suffering wife and starving little ones, appeals to our tenderest sensibilities, and we feel that the work of eradicating this great evil lies largely within our field of humanitarian labor, and as the

thought comes to us, we feel the renewed weight of responsibility, and that our hand should not hang down idly, but that we earnestly and prayerfully engage in the work, both by individual and united effort.

The Indians under the care of Friends, have claimed our serious consideration, and a call for help to assist the Indian women in the improved management of their household duties was responded to with much feeling, the thought being expressed, that unless a refining influence can be exerted on the women in domestic duties, the good results of our efforts in behalf of civilization may be lost.

The condition of the colored people of the South has claimed our sympathies, and we find by report that something has already been done by individual effort in this direction, and desires were expressed that labor as a society may be extended.

We would note for your encouragement the increased interest manifested by the younger portion of Society, in the various exercises of the meeting, thereby showing the bond of sympathy and the united concern for the welfare of our organization existing between the youth and their older brethren. Finally in that love which emanates from the pure fountain of life and truth, we remain your co-workers in every good word and work.

With a salutation of love we remain,

YOUR BRETHREN.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid.

JONATHAN D. NOXEN, } Clerks.
MARY T. FREEMAN, }

From the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Held in Salem, Ohio, and Opened on Second-Day Morning, the 29th of 8th Month, 1887, to Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends:

DEAR FRIENDS: Having again been permitted to assemble in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting for the purpose of ascertaining our progress and condition, we address you in that brotherhood and love that binds us together as co-workers in the one great cause. "Mind ye the Light," is an admonition left us by one of the earliest advocates of the principles of Friends, and if we would live under the influence of that inward monitor—be led and guided by that Christ-like spirit that is implanted within each and every heart, we would not only experience hap-

piness and true peace of mind, but our whole being would be permeated with that light and grace, that it would be a help and blessing not only to our Society, but to the world at large. We believe that the true merit of a society or organization of any kind, depends almost wholly upon the individual life and character of those constituting the body, hence the necessity of our ever striving to imitate the life and character of Christ while upon earth, and to profit by that instructor which teaches as never man taught.

The tokens of remembrance which were addressed us by the different Yearly Meetings, have been read, affording us a mental feast long to be remembered. By the reading of these messages of love it has been portrayed vividly to the mind that we are children of the one loving Father, and that in our pilgrimage through life we should be always upon the watch-tower, ever ready to turn to that Protector and Wise Counselor that is able to save unto the uttermost.

We have been favored by the attendance of some Friends from other Yearly Meetings. Their presence has not only been a gratification to us, but their labors have certainly been of an encouraging and inspiring nature.

In examining into the State of Society some of the queries were not answered as fully as might be desired. Yet we feel that these answers represent our true condition as a people in our every day walks in life.

Much concern was expressed that we might become more humble, more plain in speech, dress and living, and that we might not fall into the error of extravagance practiced by so many around us of the world.

The subject of temperance has come under our consideration, and although there is a unity of feeling, that this monster evil should be eradicated from our midst, yet there seems to be a difference of opinion as to the proper mode of bringing about the desired result.

We are reminded that the strong shall bear the infirmities of the weak. While there are so many who are becoming enslaved by a vicious appetite, ruining not only themselves, but causing want and misery in their families, we feel it as a duty to do everything in our power to prohibit the manufacture and sale of that which is the cause of so much crime. Although our meetings have been comparatively small, yet we feel to have received Divine assistance; for we have it from Holy Writ that it does not require a multitude to incur the blessings of

the Most High. With a salutation of love, we remain your Friends.

Signed in and by direction of the aforesaid Meeting, by
JOSEPH S. HARTLEY, *Clerk.*

From Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends Held by Adjournments from 27th of 9th Month to 30th of Same, Inclusive, 1886, to Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends:

DEAR FRIENDS: In coming together for the transaction of such business as may be brought before us, our thoughts were prayerfully directed to the Author of all Good, for the advancement of truth and righteousness in the world.

There is an earnest desire that the faith of our fathers, founded as we believe in the truth, may stand as our acknowledged testimonies.

Truly may we be thankful for what the Society has done, for the seed which it has scattered, which is now bringing forth its ripened harvests, to enrich the world. But shall we rest satisfied with the past? Is there not a future more glorious awaiting us? There surely is, if we continue faithful to the light of Christ and labor wherever we can find work to do, for the further advancement of the human race.

The reading of the epistles from the various Yearly Meetings, with which we correspond, was an interesting and profitable part of the exercises of our Yearly Meeting. Among the words of comfort and encouragement which abounded in all of these messages, were noticed some items of special interest—one of which was the information coming from Genessee Yearly Meeting to the effect that they had transacted their business in joint session, and with such satisfactory results as to quiet the fears of many, who doubted the wisdom of making such a change. While our Yearly Meeting has not felt ready to take a similar step, many of our members view it as a move in the right direction, and look forward to the time when we may follow their example.

When the subject of literature was under consideration by the Meeting, parents were exhorted to avoid reading, and to discourage others, especially the young, from reading not only pernicious books, but the sensational account of murders, &c., which are given so prominent a place in most of our newspapers.

We feel the need of a much wider circulation of books, papers and periodicals published by Friends.

The answers to the queries, also called forth some excellent counsel in regard to the growing tendency of the American people to speculate or take chances in some of the various forms of lotteries. We were earnestly advised not to accept anything which we have not honestly earned or fully paid for.

The subject of temperance has received a large share of attention, and called forth some earnest appeals for greater diligence in the work of endeavoring to reclaim the fallen, and laboring with those who have started on the downward course.

The Meeting decided to change the wording of our Discipline, by substituting the word "alcoholic" for "spirituous," and using the word "manufacturing," instead of "distilling."

The Indian Committee reported some useful work performed, and was encouraged to continue its labors whenever opportunity offered.

Our First-Day School Association held two very interesting and profitable sessions. The reports from the several schools composing the Association showed a satisfactory progress, and those engaged in the work were greatly cheered by the increased interest felt in it by Friends at large. When we reflect that our children will very likely be, either in our own First-Day schools, or those of other denominations, we surely should not hesitate as to which it should be.

It is desired that our young Friends be impressed with the value of the opportunities offered them for the exercise and growth of their mental and spiritual powers by our mode of conducting our Meetings, which gives each one perfect liberty for a free expression of thought.

Although the attendance at our Meeting is smaller than usual, and we have no ministers, and but few Friends from other Yearly Meetings with us, we do truly feel that God is with us, the evidence having been greatly manifested in each of our sittings.

We find much of the work of the Meeting unusually interesting, which indicates a widening and growth in the right direction.

We earnestly desire that all may become living members of the Church of Christ, depending upon that power which faileth not when human strength gives way, and dwelling under its

influence, so discipline our minds, that the smallest act of daily duty, will redound to our peace and happiness.

Trusting that our hearts may continue to be bound together in love and mutual fellowship, we remain your friends in Christian love.

Signed, by direction of the Meeting.

DAVIS FURNAS, *Clerk.*

FIRST-DAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

The Illinois First-day School association of Friends met in its Thirteenth annual session, Ninth-month, 10th, 1887.

The clerk and assistant both being absent, Mary G. Smith was appointed clerk and Griffith E. Coale, assistant.

Reports were received from both of our Quarterly Conferences by which we find that Eliza Whitacre, Abram Brown and others were appointed as delegates to this Association.

From Prairie Grove we learn that there is an increased interest, and they use Friends' Lesson Leaves. No. enrolled 116. General average, 94.

Blue River reports that attendance and interest are pretty well maintained, with sixty copies of Scattered Seeds taken. Friends' Lesson Leaves used generally. No. enrolled, 192. General average, 135. Edward Coale reports that there was but one of the delegates to the General Conference attended.

The report of the Executive Committee being read and accepted the clerk was directed to ask the Yearly Meeting to assume the finance of this association as it does the Philanthropic Labor. To draft replies to epistles received we appoint Thomas E. Hougue, Elwood Trueblood, Susie Brown, Elmina Averill, Abram Brown, Wilmer Walton, Elwood P. Cooper, Eliza Whitacre and Mattie Wilson, who are to report to next session.

To attend the next General Conference of F. D. S. to be held at Bloomfield, Ontario, we appointed as delegates, Jesse Mowry, Griffith E. Coale, Thomas D. Tomlinson, Emma

Wilson, Elmina Averill, and Allen J. Flitcraft, who are to report next year.

The Executive Committee is requested to settle with the Treasurer and report at next session. The time for which our Executive Committee was appointed having expired, we select the following named Friends as a nominating committee, who are to report at next session: Elizabeth H. Coale, Elwood Trueblood, Edwaad Whitacre, Elwood P. Cooper and Charles A. Lukens.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the rise of this session and propose the names of Friends to serve as clerk and assistant for the ensuing year.

During the reading of the epistles a desire was felt and expressed that we should not depend on the letter alone, but more and more humble ourselves before the Spirit of God, and prayerfully watch for the gleamings of the inward light, which is our unfailing guide. This will enable us as parents and teachers to be efficient examples in our daily lives, of those principles we endeavor to instill by precept into the minds of the young.

Having transacted the business coming before this Association, in harmony, we adjourn to meet on Third-day evening at half-past seven o'clock.

MARY G. SMITH, } Clerks.
GRIFFITH E. COALE, }

Near the time adjourned to, the Association met in its 2nd session.

James Brooks on behalf of the representatives reports the name of Mary G. Smith as clerk and Griffith E. Coale for assistant. The Meeting uniting, they are appointed to that service for one year.

An epistle from Ohio being received since our last Meeting, was read and directed to be answered by a duplicate of one drafted by our Epistolary Committee. This Committee has presented four essays, which were united with, and directed to be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee to be copied and properly addressed before sending to their destination.

The report of the Committee to nominate Friends to serve on the Executive Committee, was read and united with. The

Friends named, together with the Clerks, are to constitute the Executive Committee for three years, and are as follows:

Thomas E. Hogue, of Highland Monthly Meeting of Iowa; Elwood Trueblood, Blue River Monthly Meeting, of Indiana, and Edith Mills, Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, Illinois.

After our regular business we listened to some interesting remarks from an old First-Day School teacher, and additional expressions by other members confirmed his thought that all our teaching to the children and youth should be by Divine light, or else confess we do not know the true interpretation of the Scriptures.

Under a deep solemnity, and having examined all the business pertaining to this organization, we conclude to meet on Seventh-Day preceding the Yearly Meeting, next year, at 3 o'clock.

MARY G. SMITH,
GRIFFITH E. COALE, } Clerks.

To the First-Day School Association of Illinois Yearly Meeting:

DEAR FRIENDS: When we assemble in our annual convention for the consideration of the interests of First-Day schools, the subjects of deliberate thought have been what to teach; how to teach; what relation the Schools shall bear to our Religious Society, and how they shall be rendered the most efficient promoters of its best welfare? Of one thing we can have no doubt, viz: that the First-Day Schools have created an interest in the Society for its youthful members, and responsively in the young for the affairs of our Religious Organization, that has not been equaled within the present generation, and which is evidenced in every neighborhood where the schools have been opened. Nor can there be any doubt that there has been need of a more closely knitted bond of sympathy among those of different ages in our Religious Society under which the youth shall grow up, side by side with their elders, each gaining from the other some element of the best religious character. We fully believe that our Heavenly Father reveals Himself in the hearts of children, and we cannot fail to see that their young spirits are touched by a love Divine, that bears fruitage in acts of unselfishness, tenderness, affection and reverence for the good and the true. We may at times feel that our intervention in the work of developing this inner and spiritual life may only tend to mar the result, but if we view carefully the effects of our influence upon the children about us, we shall find we cannot occupy a nega-

tive position in this respect. Either for good or for ill, shall be the tendency of our characters upon theirs, and we shall either promote or repress the religious development of the children into whose association we are necessarily brought. "What shall the harvest be?" Somebody's influence shall shape the religious character of our children. Is it not of supreme importance that care should be taken that no influence shall divert their reliance on any authority for truth other than the relations of duty within their own souls? Our First-Day Schools have at least to some extent, brought our children to realize their intimate relation to the Divine Father, so that in their every emotion of love, of purity, of duty, they begin to discover a Divine meaning that deepens their trust in, and love for God. There is indeed need of more such training that shall develop an increased appreciation of the presence of the Divine in all places, and at all times, and of the importance of heeding the monitions of His loving spirit in all the acts of our lives. Added to this is the important duty of building up a feeling of love and tenderness and worship of the good Father that overrules all human actions, and is leading all toward a higher and better life. Doing this, as our schools are essaying to do, their tendency has been to strengthen our Religious Society; for the presentation of the views of Friends has deepened the conviction in the minds of the teachers of the value and the truthfulness of the principles of the Society; and the endeavor to lead the children to a steadfast trust in their Divine Father's love, has also born its fruits in the hearts of all who entered the work. Two decades have passed since First-Day Schools were opened within our Yearly Meeting. The boys and girls of the earlier schools have become the men and women of to-day, who in our business and religious Meetings are now shaping the work of the Society. Thus, almost exclusively, the present membership of our Religious Society is of those who, in some capacity, have been connected with First-Day Schools. The interest in the general concerns of Society has in no wise declined, yet in none of the affairs of our Yearly Meetings is there a deeper interest for the multitude that gather from the various neighborhoods than do those relating to First-Day Schools. No assemblages are more earnest, more deliberate, more inspired with religious zeal than are these. In no other is the youth of our Society so fully represented. The fruitage of the First-Day Schools has been, not that which alienates from our Religious Society; not such as inculcate a formal religion; not such as lessens the trust and confidence in the Inward Teacher—but it has been that which bears the evidence of its Heavenly origin, and the impress of the Father's love and care. It has therefore been considered right by some of our Monthly Meetings to in-

stitute a parental care over their schools, not with a view of shaping or changing the methods that heretofore have proved to be so excellent, but to give added strength and importance to the work, and encouragement to the workers. Thus, everywhere, among Friends, we feel that the vital interests of Society would be promoted by an increased interest in, and more widely extended sympathy for First-Day Schools, and by giving encouragement to those who feel a call to labor in fields thus whitened to the harvest. Then in every community where a Meeting of Friends is held, there shall also be found a First-Day School in which the children (not alone the children of Friends, but God's children everywhere), may be taught to recognize and to trust in the Divine life within them, that shall lead them into a reverence for all that is noble, all that is true, all that is good. Naturally there shall grow from this a love for God and a love for man that shall develop best the virtues of the noblest Christian character. Trusting that the good cause in which we are mutually interested may know of steady growth in your midst, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the First-Day School Association of New York Yearly Meeting.

JOSEPH A. BOGARDUS, } Clerks.
CAROLINE J. TITUS, }

To the Illinois First-Day School Association:

DEAR FRIENDS: In again assembling together, feeling we trust, the importance of the labor in which we are engaged, our minds are drawn towards you, who have found, in other parts of the field, the need of the watchful care and earnest endeavors of the First-Day School, and thus are we led to greet you in that love which binds us all in one common brotherhood. Whatever feeling of distance may have existed among us, seems to have been dispelled by the refreshing influence of the late meeting of the General Conference. We need many such meetings to create a feeling of fellowship among the workers in this vineyard; and we cannot too highly estimate the encouragement to teachers of a comparison of views and methods, for little hints and suggestions may grow to large proportions when carefully guarded and nourished. The past year has given us much cause for gratitude and renewed hope.

To those who for so long have labored in upholding the First-Day School, the recognition of their efforts by the various Monthly Meetings comes as a gleam of light, and the future life

of our schools must be assured, now that all fully realize the important relation existing between the Meeting and its outgrowth.

It is only by drawing the children to us, and interesting them in our views and principles that we can hope to retain them, when older, as valuable and efficient workers in our Meetings for business and worship.

This is the preparing work of the First-Day School, and we truly feel it a cause of rejoicing that the parent and child can now go harmoniously hand in hand toward the higher development of our beloved Society. We, as workers, must try to teach by our every day practice, and, when First-Day comes, gather about us the little ones, who are needing instruction to fill up the measure of a well-rounded life.

Our Lesson Leaves continue to be very valuable in aiding us to give friendly and instructive lessons to the youth and children under our care, and from the greatest of all sermons, given in such simple language, we may take again and again fresh material to direct the thoughts of the young to that which is pure, trusting that when the responsibilities of life shall rest upon them, honesty and justice shall so abound in their works that they may know in the fullness that peace which comes from God.

The subject of temperance we still endeavor to keep prominent in our schools, for whilst we feel that if proper attention is but paid to that Divine light in the soul, as an infallible guide, it will lead into all truth, yet we fully recognize the great temptations thrown about our youth. If but once enticed, the escape from this evil of intemperance is so difficult that our united efforts are needed to stay its progress, and lift above the dangers that surround them, those who look to us for guidance. To create a closer relationship among our schools as well as to profit by the work of others, our Visiting Committee is endeavoring to so arrange its labor that each school shall be visited by three persons, members of other schools, trusting that good may thus accrue to both visitors and visited, and hoping to realize that as iron sharpeneth iron, so doth the countenance of a man that of his friend.

Our joint meetings, both of the different Unions and of the Association have been blessed by the pervading spirit of love and rejoicing and by the comfort received through the labors of the several First-Day Schools. The leadings of faith have been manifest amongst us, that faith, which, as the mustard

seed, becometh stronger and stronger as it taketh root in the Master's love; even so are we drawn nearer and nearer to God through the precious spirit of our Redeemer. Oh! that we could more fully proclaim the need of this faith among the children of men; to feel that the arm of God is in nowise shortened, and that His ear is no less acute than it ever was; to know that we may draw as near Him, feel His presence as much around about us, yea, with us, as did Judea's children in the days of old. No better opportunity of firmly implanting this truth can offer than the one given us to-day in our First-Day School, first as teachers and officers, becoming able ourselves to draw wisdom from the true fountain, and then to impart eternal truths to those under our charge.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Association for the Promotion of First-Day Schools within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting at the Meeting held Fifth-month, 11th, 1887.

S. RAYMOND ROBERTS, } *Clerks.*
AMY W. HICKMAN, }

From the First-Day School Association of Ohio Yearly Meeting to that of Illinois:

DEAR FRIENDS: As our thoughts have turned toward our Sister Associations, and essayed to respond to the communications with which we have been favored at our annual Meeting, the heart queries. What new thing can be said; what word sent that has not already been expressed through this epistolary avenue? But the old is ever new. While life goes on mind acts upon mind, and we yearn for expressed sympathy and the stimulant of the spoken or written word. The healthy mind never reaches the point to say: "Life has no new lesson; I am best without intercourse with my fellows." The testimony that accords with conviction comforts and inspires. A word fitly spoken may send a life-thrill through wearied brain and languishing purpose.

The cause of the First-day School, while passing through its first epoch had, added to the conviction that the Church essentially needed its aid, a stimulant in the distrust, and in some cases the opposition, with which it met. At this stage, if not fully recognized by the Yearly and Subordinate Meetings, the schools are at least tacitly accepted. The siren of prosperity has displaced the spur of opposition. Whether they can adjust to the new phase, and adequately meet the opportunity, is

indeed vital. The opportunity lies before us. We are on trial. Each must bear a share of the test. Individual qualification and faithfulness alone can make success. Shall any hold the responsibility lightly? It is human to shrink and ask if any are equal to this thing. But is it not written, that even the wayfaring shall not err in following Divine pointings? The work is not irksome if head and heart are properly convinced. A few hours each week given to religious thought, cannot be burdensome if the soul is so enlisted as to worthily take a place as helper in a school; or to those distinguishing views and testimonies which give the Society of Friends a right for claiming a denominational place, if these be so engrafted in conviction as to give cause to claim the name of Friend. If the teachers in our schools are rooted and grounded in that love which Paul describes as leading to the fullness of God, they can truly extend to the children the nurture and admonition of the Lord. If they have found the golden thought from which our several testimonies spring, they will jealously guard these from reflections that tend to lessen respect; but rather by the opportune word, impress upon the youth the value of these testimonies, when intelligently understood and applied to the affairs of men.

The problem of the future of the First-Day Schools—and through them of the Society—is largely balancing on the quality of those now having charge of the schools. If they have appropriated the kernel of religious thought, and apprehended the privilege of being, in full sense, Friends, the result need not be feared. Dear Friends and fellow teachers, it is for us individually to meet our share of this responsibility by knowing whereof we speak, by testifying only of that Word which our own hands have handled. Let us scrupulously guard speech and actions, that we do violence, neither to those who have reached a more full stature of religious experience than is yet ours; to those groping for light while yet in the outer courts, nor those, who, in the bonds of prejudice, seem, indeed, stumbling blocks to those about them.

With acknowledgement of your acceptable epistle, and desires that in our labors may be confirmed the figure of old, which says: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings that publisheth peace," we are your friends.

Signed by direction of the First-Day School Association at a session held Eighth-month, 30th, 1887.

MERCY J. GRIFFITH, }
LEONA M. WHINERY, } *Clerks.*

To the First-Day School Association of Illinois Yearly Meeting:

DEAR FRIENDS: Again have the members of our Association gathered together to consider the general good and advancement of the First-Day School work.

We have received epistles from all the Associations with which we correspond, and they are truly excellent, and we are much encouraged by the kindly words of sympathy and cheer.

Although our Association is rather small in numbers this year, a deep solemnity overspreads our Meeting, and much interest is manifested. We gladly note the growing interest of our younger members, for it is they who must carry on the good work which has been so successfully begun.

Our schools are in a prosperous condition, and three new ones have been added since the Yearly Meeting encouraged the work.

The number of Scattered Seeds taken increases every year, several being taken by persons not belonging to our Society. The children enjoy it very much, and we believe are benefitted by it. So much depends upon furnishing the children with the right kind of reading matter. They must have something interesting, as well as instructive and elevating, and we cannot be too careful in making selection.

We are using the Friends' Lesson Leaves, and we realize that they have met a long-felt want, and are grateful to the Friends who have accomplished so much. We hope that in time we will have something appropriate for our infant classes for the benefit of those who feel the need of it.

We sometimes feel that the lesson takes no "hold" upon the children, and wonder if our labor is all "in vain." At such times let us remember the lesson to be learned from the sower: The little seed is consigned to the darkness of the soil, and covered over entirely—hidden from view. Were he to look for it next day, he probably could not even find it, as it would be lost in the surrounding particles of earth. But by patiently waiting until God shall send the sunshine and the rain to quicken it into life, he reaps the reward of his labor, and the little seed which seemed lost, develops into the full grown plant, bearing its fruit.

So it is with the seeds of truth we are sowing. "Let patience have her perfect work," and remember that Paul planteth and Apollos watereth, but it is God that giveth the increase."

That which we sow with weeping, may be reaped with joy, for we cannot tell which will prosper, this or that. That which appears to be buried beneath the forgetfulness and thoughtlessness of childhood, may spring into life under the quickening of God's spirit, and bear fruit perhaps an hundred fold.

We think good may be done in the temperance work by endeavoring to make the younger members feel that they have a mission to perform which must be attended to, no matter how small it may seem to be, in order that the work may be advanced as much as possible. It cannot be completed in a day, but the earnest work of children will add greatly to its progress. Each successive generation should be able to build higher and more rapidly the upper rounds of the ladder by which our afflicted country shall climb from the depths of intemperance to the plains of complete emancipation.

We all have a certain amount of influence, and we should endeavor to use it aright, for

“No star ever rose and set
Without shedding its influence somewhere.
Who knows what earth needs
From earth's lowest creatures?
No life can be pure in its purposes
And strong in its strifes,
And all life not be made purer
And nobler thereby.”

Signed by direction and on behalf of Indiana First-Day School Association.

EMILY P. YEO, } Clerks.
EMMA PIERCE, }

From Genesee First-Day School Association to that of Illinois:

DEAR FRIENDS: Your epistle to us revealed the tender ties that bind warm hearts together and leads us to rejoice that we are associated with you in a work, the influence of which shall extend beyond the limitations of these scenes of effort.

We are encouraged by your kind expressions, and the thought that so many true hearts throughout our heritage are shaping a bright future for our beloved Society. A halo of sincerity and deep resolve seemed to settle upon us as we listened to the encouraging reports coming from the several schools within the limits of our Yearly Meeting, and from the tender

heart outpourings in our present convention. We would that these feeble expressions of our convictions could convey to you the sympathy we feel and the progress we desire.

It was thought in our Association that more interest should be taken in those outside our own Society, and as a means of giving expression and cultivating in the minds of the children those gracious feelings of liberality and interest in our common humanity, that they should be encouraged in various ways to tangibly provide assistance to the dependent ones. "We learn to do good by doing good," meets the view of our minds, and it seems evident that other humanitarian and philanthropic efforts will follow from our meeting together.

We were made to realize more fully than ever the good that the First-Day School work is doing in our midst. Especially by bringing the old and young as workers together in the one common cause. The increased interest manifested by our young people in the business transactions which have claimed the attention of our beloved Society at this time, is plainly, to a great extent, the result of the First-Day School work.

The progress made since our last annual Meeting is encouraging. Still, we cannot feel satisfied until every Meeting has its School. Our Yearly Meeting showed a growing interest in the work of the Association, and emphasized that interest by granting funds to bear its expenses the coming year.

In the hope of an eternal progress for us all under the guiding hand of our beneficent Master, we commend you, with ourselves, to a deeper consecration of heart, and a fuller dedication to the cause, and remain your friends.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Association.

SAMUEL P. ZAVITZ, }
 MARY T. FREEMAN, } *Clerks.*

DATES OF MEETINGS.

ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING

Will open at 10 A. M. on the second Second-day before the last First-day in the Ninth-month of each year (or Ninth-month, 17, 1888).

The Meeting of Ministers and Elders gathers at 10 A. M., on the Seventh-day preceding Yearly Meeting.

The Representative Committee meets at 8 A. M. of Second-day on which the Yearly Meeting opens. The meeting for worship is held during Yearly Meeting week, at 10 A. M., on Fourth-day.

The Illinois First-Day School Association meets at 3 o'clock, Seventh-day afternoon preceding Yearly Meeting, and at 8 P. M. on Third-day of Yearly Meeting week.

Blue River Quarterly Meeting will be held at Benjaminville, McLean County, Illinois, at 10 A. M. on the fourth Seventh-day, in second month, and on the Seventh-day, one week preceding the Yearly Meeting in Ninth-month. At Blue River, Washington County, Indiana, on the fourth Seventh-day in the Fifth-month. At Clear Creek, Putnam County, Illinois, on the fourth Seventh-day in the Eleventh-month.

The Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders will be held at 2 P. M. on the day preceding the Quarterly Meetings.

Blue River Quarterly First-Day School Association, at 8 P. M. on Sixth-days preceding the Quarterly Meetings.

Blue River Monthly Meeting will be held the first Seventh-

day in each month. Meetings for worship on First and Fourth-days at 11 A. M.

Blue River Executive Meeting will be held on the second Fourth-day in the First, Fourth, Eighth and Tenth-months. Meetings for worship at 11 A. M.

Clear Creek Monthly Meeting will be held on the Seventh-day following the first Fifth-day in each month. Meetings for worship on First and Fifth-days at 11 A. M.

Benjaminville Monthly Meetings will be held at 11 A. M. on the second Seventh-day following the first Fifth-day in the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth-months. In Ninth-month it will be held on the first Seventh-day following the close of Yearly Meeting. Meetings for worship on First-day and on Fifth-days at 11 A. M.

East Jordan Executive Meeting will be held on First-day following the third Seventh-day in Second, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh-months. Meetings for worship First-days at 11 A. M. Preparative Meetings will be held at the conclusion of the Executive Meetings.

Chicago Executive Meeting will be held on the second First-day on the Second, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh-months at 12 M. Meetings for worship on First-days at 10:45 A. M. Preparative Meetings will be held on First-days, preceding Executive Meetings, at 12 M.

Indulged Meetings under the care of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting at Plainfield, Fulton County, Illinois, on every First-day at 11 A. M. At West Bureau, Bureau County, Illinois, on every First-day at 11 A. M.

Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting will be held on the first Seventh-day in Third, Sixth and Twelfth-months, and on the Fifth-day preceding Yearly Meeting in Ninth-month. Preparative Meetings will be held at 9:30 A. M. on the day of Quarterly Meetings.

Wapsienonoc Monthly Meeting will be held on the last Seventh-day in each month. Even months at Highland and odd months at West Liberty, Iowa. Meetings for worship, First day at West Liberty and Highland, at 11 A. M.

Marietta Monthly Meeting will be held on the last Seventh-day in each month, at 3 P. M., except in the Ninth-month, when

it is held on the first Seventh-day. Meetings for worship on First-days at 11 A. M. First-day School at 10 A. M.

Genoa Monthly Meeting will be held on the third First-day in each month. Meetings for worship every First-day at 11 A. M.

Richland Monthly Meeting will be held at Hoopeston, Illinois, on the first Fifth-day of each month, at 11 A. M.

CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING.

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Oliver Wilson, Magnolia, Illinois; Elizabeth H. Coale, Holder, McLean County, Illinois.

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Blue River Executive Meeting Clerk.—James W. Heacock, Canton, Indiana.

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